RABAT (AP) — Iraq has succeeded in linking the Palestinian uprising to any settlement concerning its withdrawal of Kuwait, King Hassan II said Friday. Speaking to the Moroccan parliament, the monarch estimated that such a link would give Iraq an honourable way to pull its troops out of Kuwait. "This step is sufficient and has woken up the international conscience about a solution to the Palestinian problem," Hasten said. But Hassan urged Iraq not to push the link too far, advising it to rapidly pull out from Kuwait while settling for a "moral engagement" by the global community regarding the Palestinians. "Thus the Iraqi president will spare the Arab Nation a war that will destroy not only its military potential but its economic, industrial and agriculture infrastructure," the king said. Israel would profit from such a war, he said. Iraq and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) have said any withdrawal from Kuwait must be accompanied by an Israeli pullout from the occupied Arab territories. The demands gained international interest this week after Israeli police killed at least 30 Palestinians and wounded 250.



#### Kuwaitis gather for talks on future

JEDDAH (AP) — Some 700 Kuwaitis, representing all walks of life, are gathering for a conference Saturday to consider ways of intensitying efforts to end frag's takeover of their country and discuss its future after "liberation." The three-day Kuwaiti people's conference is to be held under the banner: "Liberation is our slogan, way and objective." The emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, will address the gathering, which Kuwaiti officials have said will hold wide-ranging discussions on the shape and structure of the emirate once Iraq has withdrawn its troops. The emir and his toppled government, dominated by the Al Sabah family, have been living in Saudi Arabia since the invasion. The Kuwaitis assembling for the conference have been invited from the various capitals in which they have been scattered in refuge over the last 10 weeks. Kuwait's crown prince and prime minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sahah, and members of his cabinet will attend. Sheikh Saad has indicated that the agenda will range from future defence arrangements to the rights of Kuwaiti citizens.

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## i. At a more club at the club at the Egyptian parliament speaker assassinated

CAIRO (Agencies) — Motorbike riders firing automatic rifles

#### King condoles Mubarak

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Friday sent a cable to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak condoling him over the assassination of Parliament Speaker Rifaat Al Mahjoub.

Aoun

attack

escapes

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Rebel

General Michel Aoun escaped

assassination in Beirut Friday as

the Syrian army braced for an

attack to evict him from his encir-

ded enclave in Lebanon's Christ-

ian heartland, his radio station

The broadcast said a gunman

opened fire with a pistol as Aoun

addressed thousands of suppor-

ters forming a human shield

around the presidential palace in

his enclave, surrounded by

Lebanese government and Syrian

troops poised to launch an attack

The radio said the gunman fired

Soldiers and members of the crowd

shied the attacker before he could

fire again, the sources said, and he

The report came amid tank battles

Sources said the sudden flare up,

concentrated in the Ashrafiyeh and

Nabaa neighbourhoods, forced hun-

dreds of civilians to rush for cover in

"One tank shell is crashing into

buildings in Ashrafiyeh and Nabaa

every minute." said one resident in

mountains east of Beirut. "Black

smoke is billowing over the areas

where a few fires are raging in apart-

There was no immediate word on

The fighting came one day after

thousands of Syrian troops, backed

by tanks, deployed around east

Beirut areas controlled by Aoun, who

is denying the authority of elected

Hrawi had earlier asked for Syrian

Aoun's 15,000 mainly Christian

President Elias Hrawi.

belp in ousning Aoun.

Saudi Arabia, last year.

Porters.

between Aoun's forces and the rival

was taken for interrogation.

Lebanese Forces (LF) militia.

underground shelters.

casualties.

two shots at Aoun but hit a body-

and evict him.

mowed down the speaker of Egypt's parliament and three security men outside a downtown Cairo hotel Friday, the interior minister said.

Abdul Halim Musa said the assilants killed Rifaat Al Mahjoub, 64, speaker of the People's Assembly, and the others, then fled as other security men returned their fire.

The incident occurred in front of the Semiramis hotel on a Nileside corniche a block from the

U.S. embassy as Mahjonb rode a chanffered Mercedes to an official function at another hotel about 2.5 kilometres down the

Musa told reporters that four assailants, all in their early 20s, attacked Mahjoub's Mercedes and an accompanying security car

from two Suzuki motorbikes. Three escaped on the bikes, he said. They rode through an underpass on the corniche in front of the hotel, speeding

against the traffic on the one-way

The fourth ran into a densely populated area nearby and disappeared. He wounded two bystanders who tried to stop him, Musa said.

"It could be an internal operation or an external one," Musa told reporters.

"They were waiting in front of the Semiramis. Mahjoub was on

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# 'U.S. plan' published

PARIS (Agencies) — A leading French news magazine, quoting an unidentified aide to U.S. Defence Secretary Dick Cheney, has published what it calls a Pentagon plan to drive Iraq from Kuwait in a four-day blitz next month. The weekly L'Express, which

has produced some investigative scoops in the past, gave a detailed breakdown of the plan, codenamed "Operation Night Camel." It said the attack would start

"on a moonless night in November" with a strike by U.S. Stealth bombers against Iraqi radar and missile defences.

The operation's last stage would be the entry into Kuwait city of an Arab force composed of Egyptian, Moroccan and Syrian troops allied to the U.S., the magazine said.

The attack would commence with an air assault by U.S. warplanes dispatched from Turkey, Saudi Arabia and the aircraft carrier Independence, L'Express

BOURNEMOUTH, England (Agencies) — British Prime Minister Mar-

garet Thatcher said Friday she hoped

economic sanctions against Baghdad

would force Iraq out of Kuwait but

the military option remained if they

and tighter and we must carnestly

hope they will work," Thatcher told

the annual conference of her ruling

and the build-up of forces continues.

We must be ready for any contingen-

Thatcher said there was no room

for negotiations with Iraqi President

"If not, the military option is there

Conservative Party.

cy," she said.

Saddam Hussein.

"Sanctions are being drawn tighter

Thatcher: Military

option open in Gulf

The planes, including B-52s equipped with cruise missiles, would attempt to destroy Iraq's air power, neutralising radar systems, bombing missile bases and attacking air bases before Iraqi planes could launch counterattacks, L'Express said.

"By dawn, Iraq has lost all capacity to react," the magazine said. "This first phase would have lasted less than six hours." In the second phase, L'Express

said, warplanes and missiles would be used to "annihilate" Iraq's entire military-industrial complex. Targets would include nuclear facilities, chemical weapon depots, arms factories, command bunkers, and the main highway to Kuwait. Also during this phase, an air

attack would be mounted on Iraqi tank units massed near the border with Saudi Arabia, L'Express

The goal of the third phase would be to cut off links between Kuwait and Iraq, L'Express said. It said U.S. green berets and navy

hopes Israel will consider "fresh

evening on a week-long trip to Egypt

and Israel, stressed in a radio inter-

view that top priority must be given to

Hurd's visit is expected to be

dominated by the Gulf crisis and this

week's killing of at least 30-

Israeli soldiers.

getting the Iraqis out of Kuwait.

Hurd, who was to leave Friday

thinking" on the Middle East.

commandos would infiltrate behind Iraqi lines to disrupt communciations.

Then, it said, the multinational

force would launch an offensive along the Iragi-Kuwait border involving tank-killer planes, combat helicopters and 200 U.S. M-1 tanks. This could be aimed at cutting off the Iraqi soldiers in Kuwait from supplies and reinforcements in Iraq.

The fourth and final phase, according to L'Express, would be an even larger offensive to reconquer Kuwait. It said 11,000 U.S. marines would land on Kuwait's north coast, while 45,000 marines, three mechanised U.S. army infantry battalions, 4,000 French troops, 6,000 British troops, and 50,000 soldiers from the pan-Arab force would cross into Kuwait from the south to "liberate it metre by metre."

L'Express said U.S. planners estimated the offensive might cost 20,000 American lives. It gave no estimate for dead of other nations.

### American build-up issues must be kept separate but he.

completion

massive U.S. military build-up in Saudi Arabia is nearing completion, giving much of the country the appearance of a vast armed

Palestinians in occupied Jerusalem by "It is an opportunity for the Israelis to do fresh thinking. This is the point toward Iraq and Kuwait.

I shall put in Israel," he said. "How do they now see it? Do they really believe that the security of

Row upon row of U.S. jets and helicopters line the runways of airports selected as military stag-After talks in Egypt over the

An estimated 300,000 troops from a dozen countries — including nearly 200,000 from the United States — are readying for

Military officials are deliberately vague about when the build-up will be completed. Some say U.S. forces will be near full strength by this weekend, others — including General Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the U.S. milit-

readiness of American troops is high, meaning they could fight now, if

The stark Saudi desert has become

The military, in a counter-measure against chemical and guerrilla attack,

on Oct. 24," a Dhahran taxi driver

with Baghdad.

U.S. military officials say there will be no American-led attack against

Palestinian human rights group Al Hag-Law in the Service of Man issued its preliminary report on the killings, calling it a massacre and urging interntional protection for Palestinians.

Israelis besiege Al Aqsa,

last Monday's deaths.

part of Israel."

kill two more in W. Bank

Council to send a team to investigate

Shamir said a U.N. investigation

"We won't accept any involvement

would be an infringement on Israel's

"sovereignty over all of Jerusalem."

to any foreign element regarding

Jerusalem," Shamir told Israel

Radio. "Jerusalem is an inseparable

Short after Shamir spoke, the

stonethrowing which police say brought their gunfire did not begin until after tearges was fired onto the Haram Al Sharif complex. It also accused paramilitary border police units of opening fire without warning. "Once border guards started firing

The group said massive

denounce Monday's massacre in occupied Jeru-

salem (see story below)

they did so without restraint and, a times, used automatic gunfire," Al Hao said. It added that Israel still had not learned to control protests with out gusfire after three years of the Palestinian uprising.

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### Fate of U.N. move hangs in balance

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) Security Council members said it was imperative for the council to vote Friday on a resolution about Monday's massacre of at least 30 Palestinians by Israeli forces in occupied Jerusalem or the coalition against Iraq would be severely weakened.

But it was not certain which draft resolution the council might vote for and if such a vote would be manimous.

Diplomats said British officials had warned the United States that if the council failed to adopt a resolution, the carefully constructed consensus achieved in the last two months over Iraq's invasion of Kuwait would break

Britain, which holds the presidency of the council, again revised a U.S. draft resolution at

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### Thousands rally to demand end to Israeli violations of Palestinians' rights port the steadfastness of the

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agen-

cies) - Israel used curlews, roadb-

locks and water cannon Friday to

block thousands of Palestinians from

attending prayer services at Jeru-

salem's Al Agsa Mosque, where at

least 30 Palestinians died in police

Palestinians were shot to death and at

least 10 others were wounded in

clashes between troops and stone-

throwing youths, Arab reports said.

Yitzhak Shamir said Israel would

reject any effort by the U.N. Security

Also Friday, Israeli Prime Minister

In the occupied territories, two

gunfire earlier this week.

Thousands attend a rally organised by the Muslim

Brotherhood in an Amman suburb Friday to

AMMAN — Widespread demonstrations, protests and sit-ins and other expressions of solidarity with the Palestinian people, including an "intifada concert" continued in the capital and throughout the Kingdom against Monday's massacre of 30 Palestinians and wounding of hundreds by Israeli soldiers at the Al Agsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem.

About 30,000 people attended a rally at Mahatta, thousands of women staged a sit-in at the Red Cross headquarters and an "intifada concert" drew 10,000 people to the Roman amphitheatre to sup-

Palestinians living under Israeli occupation and to condemn the Israelis for Monday's massacre. Demonstrations and protests lasted until late in the evening in refugee camps and cities across the

"Revolt, revolt, revolt with stones," sang the Balladna popular folklore group, as about 10,000 people stood up and cheered in their seats of the Roman Amphitheatre in downtown Am-

"Let us liberate Palestine from Haifa to Jenin," continued the song as the crowd roared in

Enthusiasts waved Palestinian

flags and held up poster-size photographs of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat and the assassinated PLO deputy military commander Khalil Al Wazir. Young men and women in black and white headnised by the Jordanian Popular Committee for Support of the Intifada, into a moving amphitheatre as they clapped and sang along with the folklore groups.

The concert, featuring four

popular folklore groups, followed a two-hour sit-in by 2,000 women in front of the head office of the International Red Cross office in Shmeisani earlier in the day. As women from many different

socio-economic groups and political persuasions sang and chanted popular protest tunes, Ihsan Abdul Hadi, the exiled president of the Palestinian Women's Federation, and Palestinian Ambassador to Jordan Al Tayyeb Abdul Rahim read out a memorandum that the General Federation of Jordanian Women's Organisations had prepared to present to the Red Cross. In a long list of demands, the

groups reiterated that Palestinian human and national rights be respected and enforced when neces-"They have not been respected

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### PLO seen moving closer to Gulf-Palestine linkage

AMMAN — The leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) appeared to be moving closer to a full linkage between the Gulf crisis and the Palestinian problem, drowning in the process voices which were pressing for distancing the Palestinian movement

(PCC) which concluded its meetings in Tunis Friday was expected to formulate a statement calling for a full linkage between a solution to the Gulf crisis and a peaceful settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict. "The linkage should not be vague or abstract... concrete steps and a schedule should be worked out to assert the linkage," a PLO official told the Jordan Times.

PLO officials said that unless Chairman Yasser Arafat decided to intervene himself - as he has done in the past - to tone down the emphasis on the linkage the organisation was to endorse a detailed and concrete mechanism to press for the implementation of all United Nations resolutions pertaining to all the problems of the Middle East.

The tone of the meeting was sharpened by the Israeli massacre of (Continued on page 5)

# against giving data to U.S.

Baghdad threatened Friday to prevent Soviet nationals leaving Iraq and Kuwait if Moscow gave the United States any information about Iraqi military capabil-

An Iraqi military spokesman, quoted by the Iraqi News Agency (INA), warned the Soviet Union against passing on such information during a visit to Moscow next

INA said the Soviet Union, rets" on Iraq's military policy and industry due to its close relations

'We warn them (Moscow)

was seeking, we would be forced, unfortunately, to act in a way that protects our national security." he added.

be ordering the responsible officials to halt the departure of Soviet nationals."

U.S. officials said Thursday Cheney will ask senior Soviet during his four-day visit to Mos-

Cheney plans to meet with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev Wednesday, as well as with Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Defence

> because of the gravity of the situation in the occupied terrirotics and Israel's

### PLO assails Britain for 'conniving with U.S.'

Council (PCC) accused Britain Friday of conniving in U.S. attempts to block a U.N. Security Council resolution favourable to the Palestinian cause. A preliminary report on a two-day meeting of the PCC in Tunis said: "The British government bears full

responsibility for this blatant connivance against the Palestinian people and shows scandalous bias towards The report by PLO Executive Committee member Yasser Abed

Rabbo said the United States had used Britain's position as Security Council chairman to block a resolution condemning Israel and calling for U.N. protection for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gazza The PLO wants the Security Coun-

cil to send a mission of inquiry recommend measures to protect the Palestinians, as a first step towards Israeli withdrawal and a Palestinian state. Abed Rabbo, who is responsible for the PLO's information department, said: "Washington is trying to

TUNIS (R) - The Palestine Central avoid using its veto so that its real position — supporting Israel and covering up its crimes - does not come to light."

"But, in connivance with Britain, it has used its veto in a double manner. through the tactic of procrastination and through obstructing security council actions." Washington and London had

turned the council into an instrument to serve their own purposes, he said. On Irag's invasion of Kuwait, Washington obtained three resolutions in five days, but was now dragging out the Security Council debate into a sixth day, he added.

The preliminary report said a large share of the responsibility for U.S. policy rested with Arab states which "encouraged its invasion of the re-

The report said the correct solution was one which dealt with all Middle East issues and the PLO Executive Committee would follow this up with friendly powers such as France, China and the Soviet Union

### Arab League to meet in Tunisia on Oct. 17 TUNIS (Agencies) — The Arab insistence on escalation its aggression

League will hold an urgent meeting of the Palestinian people and desec-Wednesday to discuss Monday's massacre of at least 30 Palestinians, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said. The meeting which was called for

by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), will be attended by representatives of Jordan, Tunisia, Iraq, Sudan, Algeria, Mauritania, Yemen, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Palestine, Petra said. The meeting will discuss the "brutal Israeli aggression against unarmed Palestinian civilians and adopt a unified Arab stand to counter the Israeli aggression and provide special protection to the Palestinians from Israeli terror," Petra added.

It is not known yet whether the meeting would be held at foreign ministers level or at the level of permanent representatives.

Well-placed sources told Petra that the PLO insists that the meeting be held at the foreign ministers level

rating the holy places in Jerusalem and Palestine, it said. The PLO does not want at all a meeting at the parmanent representatives level. Petra quoted its sources as saying. PLO Chairman Yassar Arafat urged Arab countries Wednesday to

"make a common front against the butchery against Palestinians by the forces of Zionist occupation. The organisation has also been successful in demanding a meeting

Monday in Rabat, Morocco of the Al Quds Committee, which is charged with the preservation of Islamic holy

The Middle East Council of Churches Friday called for international protection for the people of Palestine. Gabriel Habib, the general secretary of the Cyprus-based council, said he was "appealed by the news of the massacre of tens of unarmed Palestinians at prayer by the Israeli forces

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#### Israel is best based on occupation and "You do not negotiate with sometroops earlier this year fought four repression, or is there another way in one who marches in to another counmonths of bitter battles against the which they could recognise the rights try, devastates it, killing whoever 10,000-strong LF. More than 1,200 of Palestinians and in return get what stands in his way," she said. "You get people were killed and 3,200 woundthey're entitled to - which is credible him out, make him pay and see that المن المناسبة security within safe borders?," Hurd he is never in a position to do these Last year Aoun fought a bloody but things again. unsuccessful six-month campaign to In talks with Egyptian President Thatcher, delivering the closing drive Syria and its 40,000 troops from address to the conference at the Hosni Mubarak, Hurd is expected to Lebanon southern resort of Bournemouth, said stress that the presence of forces from France Friday urged all sides in the Egypt and other Arab countries is still that every day Iraqi forces remained war to avoid further bloodshed by in Kuwait was a new act of war. She essential to the multinational rereturning to the terms of an Arabcalled Saddam a tyrant and said he sponse to the invasion. sponsored peace plan drafted in Taif,

must be made to pay.

#### Bernard said French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas had told the warring parties that "patience and a tense of responsibility must prevail in

ZODC.

order to pursue procedures for conchiation within the framework of the Taif process." "France has also impressed upon General Aoun several times that his place is within the legal institutional framework. His contribution there could be decisive in order to allow a

"A new bloodbath must be avoided

in Lebanon," Foreign Ministry

spokesman Daniel Bernard told re-

government based upon real union to emerge," Bernard added. Aoun vowed Friday to die fighting the Syrian army attacked his en-

"I am ready to die on the battlefield of honour rather than surrender. Be sure I shall die fighting," Aoun told cheering supporters.

Hrawi's army was ordered on maxfrom alert, and his troops joined the Syrian army in positions facing Aoun's lines along on eight-kilometre to from from south Beirut to the central mountains east of the capital. Aoun's coordination bureau, the

of civilians, ordered "general mobi-150,000 Christians in his enciave. lisation" among the estimated Military jeeps fitted with loudspeakers toured towns and villages of
the 270 square kilometre area urging
the population to "take up arms and
defend yourselves against the aggresin record."

### said Friday the Gulf and Arab-Israeli No French strategy for war in Gulf — Mitterrand

PARIS (R) - President Francois Mitterrand said Friday that France was not moving to a war footing to force Iraq from Kuwait, and Foreign Minister Roland Dumas arranged weekend talks with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd

The Socialist leader gave the assurance to an opposition leader. The government accelerated high-level contacts in the Gulf crisis by announcing Dumas would fly to Tunisia Sunday to see Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), before visiting Qatar, Bahrain and

Oman. Conservative former Prime Minister Jacques Chirac told reporters Mitterrand remained committed to a peaceful solution based on the U.N.

embargo against Iraq. "M. Mitterrand told me there was no change of strategy," Chirac said after private talks with the head of state at the Elysee Palace. He requested the meeting after questioning

whether a "strategy of war" had Mitterrand chaired an unannounced meeting of his inner cabinet Thursday night after it was announced that his foreign and defence ministers would visit the crisis

The meeting coincided with warnings in Europe that the U.S. allies fined up against Iraq in the Saudi Arabian desert would have to consid-

weekend, Hurd flies to Israel on

er going to war. Desence Minister Jean-Pierre .Chevenement, who is to inspect French forces in Saudi Arabia at the weekend, told waiting reporters Mitterrand had chaired "a mini defencecouncil," but no details of the cabinet talks were released.

Chirac said Mitterrand had told him: "We remain in a strategy of blockade... our policy rests strictly in the framework of U.N. Security Council decisions." Both the British and Italian foreign ministers have indicated in interviews

in the past two days that military action in the coming weeks must be counted a possibility. Chirac stressed that France should do its utmost for a peaceful settle-

He said he told the president

would be difficult for France to stick to its policy "in the case of an outbreak of hostilities which we did not decide ourselves." Chevenement warned Thursday that "France does not have unlimited military means" to devote to the Gulf

# nears

DHAHRAIN (Agencies) — The

From roads passing near military installations, anti-aircraft missiles can be seen pointing north

Near the Kuwaiti border, jets regularly scream overhead as pilots hone their skills over the featureless desert and, in the process, test Iraqi radar systems. Highways that normally have little traffic in this sparselypopulated country are full of

vehicles carrying troops, weapons and supplies.

ary here - say the end is still two to three weeks away. But all the officers say the state of

a vast training ground. In places of heavy troop concentrations, tracks of tanks and armoured vehicles stretch across the dunes.

has dispersed its troops in small camps dug-in throughout the desert. The military presence has led many Sandis to speculate not so much on if fighting will come, but when. "I've heard that the war will start

Others say war will not begin until November or perhaps even February for reasons ranging from domestic U.S. politics to the sandstorms kicked up by the winter winds in the Arabian desert.

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### By Lamis K. Andoni Jordan Times Staff Reporter

from Iraq. A drafting committee formed by the Palestine Central Council

Although the final statement was not released by late Friday,

# Baghdad warns Moscow

BAGHDAD (Agencies)

week by U.S. Defence Secretary Dick Cheney. once Iraq's chief arms supplier, had had access to "serious sec-

against such behaviour if it happens," the military spokesman

"If the Soviet Union gave the

United States the information is

"Among those measures could

government officials for intelliegence data on the Iraqi military cow next week.

Minister Dmitri Yazov. A senior Pentagon official. speaking on condition he not be identified, said Moscow had not

met previous U.S. requests.

## U.S. senators move to bar Saudi arms sale

WASHINGTON (Agencies) ---Four U.S. senators have moved to block the Bush administration's plan to sell advanced weapons to Saudi Arabia, saying they might one day be used against Israel.

The weapons include latest yersion of the M1 tank, Apache helicopters and multiple rocket launchers. They are part of a proposed \$7 billion weapons deal that the administration scaled down from \$21 billion following 17.000 MLRS artillery rockets protests from Congress.

The resolution to disapprove part of the sale was introduced by California Democrat Alan Cranston, along with Democrat Paul Simon of Illinois and Republican Robert Packwood of Oregon and Arien Specter of Pennsylvania.

In a Senate speech Cranston said the United States should send Saudi Arabia the material it year. needed now to meet the "threat of Iraqi aggression."

But he asked why the administration was proposing to sell 150 M1A2 tanks, worth \$1.3 billion, would not be delivered until

"We may, as momentary brothers in arms, forget who the Saudis consider their real, longtime, irreconcilable enemies who they and fellow Arab nations

### want to ease limits on computers for Israel

NEW YORK (R) — U.S. officials want to relax restrictions on the sale of advanced computers to an Israeli military reserach laboratory that may be making nuclear weapons, the New York Times reported Friday.

The change, supported by State Department and Defence Department officials, will be considered next week at a meeting of a high-level government group called the Special Nuclear Export Committee, the newspaper said.

The committee has held preliminary discussions on the issue and an intelligence review will be held on Oct. 19, the Times said. Opponents of high-technology

exports and the spread of nuclear weapons say Israel will use advanced computers to develop lighter, more efficient nuclear weapons and long-range missiles and to conduct more accurate simulated tests in secret.

The opponents, quoted by the Times, said that because of the growing possibility of Middle East conflict, the United States would be sending the wrong signals by appearing to back advanced weapons development.

"This is not the time to be making exports that undermine U.S. credibility on nonproliferation in the Middle East," said Gary Milhollin, director of the Wisconsin Project of Nuclear Arms Control, which opposes the spread of nuclear weapons to developing countries.

Those favouring easing restrictions say advanced weapons can be developed without supercomputers and control efforts are better applied to technology more directly related to weapons development.

The Israeli weapons centre, a quasi-government company known as the Rafael Armament Development Authority, conducts work on armaments ranging from advanced missiles to highexplosive weaponry.

are sworn to destroy," Cranston said, referring to Israel. He said the United States

should send to the Saudis only what was essential to meet the current "Iraqi threat." In addition to the tanks, the

resolution seeks to block the sale of 12 Apache anti-tank helicopters and hellfire missiles worth \$300 million, 1,750 Tom anti-tank guided missiles and launchers worth \$55 million, and mor than and lanuchers worth \$64 million.

Other weapons in the package, including Partiort anti-aircraft missiles and 10,000 trucks, trailers and other vehicles would not be affected.

Administration officials have said the arms package is the first of two-part arms deal. The second part is expected early next The administration originally

discussed a single \$21 billion sale that also include F-15 fighter

Bonn rejects Saudi sale

One day after saying it was considering whether to approve a huge arms sale to Saudi Arabia, the German Defence Ministry Thursday ruled out any such de-

### Heath postpones visit to

tion Social Democrats and were LONDON (AP) - Former bound to raise Jewish anger as Prime Minister Edward Heath Friday postponed a private huma-Defence Minister Gerhard nitarian visit to Baghdad for one Stoltenberg announced the deciweek at the request of Iraqi offi-"The federal government does

Baghdad

He had been scheduled to depart for Amman Friday morning and meet Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad Sunday to press for the release of sick and dying Britons caught in the Gulf

Heath, who was prime minister from 1970 to 1974, said he will now leave London next Friday and meet Saddam on Oct. 21.

"I had a call from the Iraqi embassy in the middle of the night. They said they wanted to be able to make more preparations before my arrival," Heath told Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency.

"They simply asked therefore that I should postpone the meeting and see Saddam Hussein on Sunday week," he said. Britain has refused to negotiate

about British citizens detained since Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2.

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd Thursday acknowledged a "point of difference" between Heath and the government over talking to Iraq, but added: "It is his own plan.

"The purpose is clearly humanitarian and he will receive the help and facilities our embassies normally give to a former prime minister." Hurd said.

In a statement from his office. Heath expressed his continuing anxiety about those still detained in Iraq and Kuwait. He told a news conference

Thursday at Bournemouth. where he was attending the Conservative Party's annual conference, that he decided to go after relatives of the sick asked for his "I have no political status and

in no way do I represent the government in any political sense," Heath said. He was reluctant to discuss the

numbers involved in his mission. but the Foreign Office estimated that 42 Britons were judged "sufficiently sick to warrant special attention on humanitarian grounds." Three weeks ago, Heath

angered some Conservatives when he urged world leaders to make a deal with Iraq to avoid | jani.

### Rafsanjani's camp controls clerical body

NICOSIA (AP) — Iranian modcrates allied with the government of President Hashemi Rafsanjani have won almost all the seats on a key constitutional body in elections in which many of their radical opponents were excluded. The official Islamic Republic

News Agency said only 1.8 million people voted in Tehran, the Iranian capital which has a population of more than 10 mil-

This confirmed earlier reports from diplomatic sources in Tehran that Monday's poll was largely boycotted despite government exhortations urging all Iranians over 15 to vote.

called pragmatists, was among the key members elected to the 83-member Assembly of Experts, whose main task is to elect the nation's spiritual leader and interpret the constitution.

Other prominent personalities who won some of the 15 seats contested in Tehran included Ahmad Khomeini, son of the late revolutionary patriarch, Mohammad Reyshahri, the former prosecutor-general, and Ayatollah Ali Meshkini, who headed the last assembly.

The three are among only a handful of Rafsanjani's radical rivals whose names were allowed on the ballot as part of the president's campaign to squeeze the hardliners out of key power

Most of the radicals were prevented from running after the government said they had had to sit a test on their Islamic credentials, in an apparent effort by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the current spiritual leader, and Rafsanjani to cut the radicals down to

Most of the radicals who agreed to take the examamination flunked.

Before the 12-member Council of Guardians, which screens all legislations to ensure it conforms with Islamic tenets, decreed the new rule, candidates for the assembly were approved by three senior clerics in the holy city of Qom.

The conflict over the balloting has heightened tension between the rival factions and brought the long-running power struggle in Tehran's hierarchy more prominently into the open.

Ruhollah Khomeini, Iran's revolutionary patriarch, in June last year, the anti-Western radicals have feared a purge by Rafsan-

ident's actions in the crisis but

with the West and attract investment to revive the sluggish economy devastated by the 1980-88 war with Iraq. His opponents say close ties with the West are con-

trary to Khomeini's teachings. The radicals, who constitute a majority in the 270-member parliament, have accused Khamenei. Rafsanjani's political ally, of colluding with him in rigging the elections.

In an apparent move to appease the radicals, Khamenei Thursday called on mosques throughout the nation to mourn the slaying of Palestinians by Israeli forces in Jerusalem Mon-The killings have particularly Rafsanjani, leader of Iran's so-

> er Israel and the United States the greatest enemies of Islam. They have repeatedly pledged to destroy Israel and "humiliate the great Satan," its closest ally. The Majlis, or parliament.

> enraged the radicals, who consid-

Wednesday called for boly war to liberate the Palestinian home-A statement signed by 160

legislators declared that "jihad and martyrdom are the only ways for nations to attain their rights." Khamenei Thursday ordered mosques throughout the nation to mourn the Palestinians before prayers Friday, Tehran Radio re-

The broadcast said Rafsanjani declared Friday a national day of

The hardline Friday prayer leaders nationwide issued a statement expressing surprise that the Israeli action was not universally condemned, while Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait prompted an immediate international outcry.

"It's suirprising that in conditions where the various countries of the world have united against the Iraqi aggession on Kuwait .. they have remained silent against this horrendous crime, or with an expression of regret have simply waved it aside."

But diplomats in Tehran, speaking by telephone on condition of anonymity, said the feuding between the government and its radical opponents had become "too intense" to be placated by such moves.

Sources in Tehran said the hardliners had wanted to win enough seats in Monday's election to depose Khamenei, and Since the death of Ayatollah replace him with a radicalcontrolled troika.

The voting conducted amid tight security, after the radicals had threatened to stage protests, the diplomatic sources said. But He is seeking to rebuild bridges no incidents were reported.

### MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

### Portugal confirms uranium sales to Iraq

LISBON (AP) — The government has confirmed press reports that Portugal has sold hundreds of tonnes of uranium concentrate to Iraq. A report in the Spanish press said Portugal exported 1,070 tonnes of uranium from 1980 to 1988, much of which went to Iraq. The report, citing an official Portuguese document, suggested Iraq could have used material to produce nuclear weapons. Lisbon's Ministry for Industry and Energy confirmed Portugal sold 226 tonnes of uranium concentrate to the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission between 1980 and 1982 but said no sales were made after 1983. Under the sales contract, Iraq agreed to use the uranium for peaceful ends and abide by the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. A ministry spokesman added the concentrate sold to Iraq was not the type of uranim that could directly be used in nuclear weapons.

#### 4 held in Djibouti cafe blast

DJIBOUTI (AP) - Police have arrested four people believed responsible for a grenade attack at the cafe that killed a French boy and injured 17 people, authorities reported Thursday. Arrested Wednesday were Ibrahim Abdi Rabileh, Said Isamil Hassam Ahmad Abdil Backal and Idriss Abdi Weirah, the government newspaper La Nation confirmed. They have been charged with launching the attack Sept. 27 against cafe-restaurant Cafe de Paris frequented almost exclusively by French soldiers and their families. authorities said. All the suspects are citizens of this tiny Horn of Africa country that hosts France's largest overseas military base and serves as the main staging area for French troops in the Gulf.

#### Turkish foreign minister resigns

ANKARA (AP) — Foreign Minister Ali Bozer, who reportedly has taken a back seat in foreign policy matters to President Turgut Ozal, has resigned, it was announced Friday. Prime Minister Yildirim Akbulut made the announcement and said a successor would be named shortly, but did not attend a meeting between Ozal and President George Bush at the White House last month although Secretary of State James Baker and Ozal's foreign policy adviser were present. Officially, it was said that the Ozal-Bush meeting had been scheduled to be a private one and that Baker had attended at the last moment without the knowledge of the Turkish delegation. But Turkish newspapers said Ozal did not want to work with Bozer. The Turkish press claimed that after the Gulf crisis Ozal wanted to be the sole authority on Gulf issues and was seeking a foreign minister with whom he could work. There was no clear explanation why Ozal wanted to replace his foreign minister. Rress reports said Bozer had no say on Turkish foreign policy any more

### Thousands march in support of Iraq in Aiglers

ALGIERS (AP) — Several thousand Algerians marched Thursday to the U.S. embassy, chanting in support of Iraq. Youths burned an American flag, and organisers demanded that U.S. troops leave the Mideast. Chanting "U.S. go home," marchers carried portraits of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The march, over a three-kilmetre route, was organised by the Committee of Support for the Iraqi People. Its president, Benmihoub Zerdani, was allowed into the embassy and delivered a memorandum demanding "immediate and unconditional", withdrawal of U.S., forces from the Gulf region. Zerdani said her committee was working with other Arab organisations to launch a "peace boat" that would embark from Algeria or Tunisia with food and medicine for Iraq.

#### Christians protest female troops in Mideast

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Two dozen fundamentalist Christians marched to protest the dispatch of female troops - especially married women with children — to the Middle East. The protesters, in town for the American coalition of Unregistered Churches, carried signs outside the downtown armed forces recruiting centre. "It is against nature for women to be in combat uniforms," one sign read. Others said: "I would rather have men protecting me, not weaker women," and "Mama needs a mop and a broom, not an M-16." The protest leader was the Rev. W.N. Otwell, an independent Baptist pastor from Fort Worth, Texas. He called women in the military "a perversion of Women's role." The Bible mandates that women submit to their husbands, not a military leader. Otwell said. "How can a man be the head of his wife if Uncle Sam is telling her what to do?" Bill Sanders, a passer-by on his lunch hour, told Otwell his stand was "bigotry and uncalled for."

### Protest in London against Guif policy

LONDON (R) — About 400 left-wing protesters staged a torch-lit march through central London late Wednesday to demand the withdrawal of U.S. and British forces from the Gulf. the march past the American embassy, organised by the Hands off the Middle East Committee, an ad hoc grouping of left-wing organisations, heard speakers denounce the "imperialist forces," in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf region. Organiser Keith Tompson said the demonstration was intended to provide a focus for people opposed to Western interference in the Gulf.

### U.S. agencies Iran happy with results of Iraq talks NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar

Velayati, holding talks with an relations, called for faster repatriation of remaining Gulf war

prisoners (PoWs). Tehran Radio said Velayati told Iraq's Deputy Foreign Minister Wisam Al Zahawi Thursday he was satisfied with progress in the normalisation process between the two countries which fought a bloody eight-year war.

agreed on the formation of a joint military committee with the U.N. Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG), which monitors the ceasefire in effect between the two countries since August 1988. Zahawi and his Iranian coun-

terpart Manuchehr Mottaki on Wednesday agreed to set up committees to discuss the PoW issue, demarcation of the border and the reopening of the two countries' embassies in Tehran and

HAGERSTOWN, Maryland

(AP) — A U.S. senator may

have spoken for more Amer-

icans than he thought when he

said he was "profoundly un-

easy" about the deployment of

American troops in the Middle

The uneasiness is quiet. Peo-

ple who are uneasy don't

usually march in parades and

carry banners about it. They're

broad support for President

George Bush's actions so far in

the Gulf crisis, but also show

that a large majority of Amer-

icans oppose quick military ac-

When a Hagerstown news-

paper asked eight people if

they thought the United States

should invade Iraq and Kuwait

to resolve the crisis, only two

said yes. One woman said U.S.

Public opinion polls show

just uneasy.

tions against Iraq.

"Velayati stressed the need for speeding up the completion of PoW exchange in view of the fact Iraqi envoy on normalisation of that the relevant information is complete," said the radio, monitored in Nicosia.

The proposed sales, which re-

portedly were requested by the

Saudis, had infuriated the opposi-

sion at a news conference.

not have the intention of approv-

ing the delivery of such weapons

to Saudi Arabia in connection

with the current critical situation

But Prince Saud Al Faisal, the

Saudi foreign minister, later told

reporters in Bonn he was cnfident

that Germany and Saudi Arabia

would eventually "cooperate in

He also stressed that any new

"We don't want to attack any-

weapons would only be intended

one. That is the biggest guarantee

for those who supply us with

He added the aim of his visit

was "not to buy weapons, but to

congratulate Germany on its uni-

ty and discuss the crisis in the

lor Helmut Kohl Thursday and

with Foreign Minister Hans-

Dietrich Genscher a day earlier.

Prince Saud met with Chancel-

for Saudi Arabia's defence.

weapons," the prince said.

Gulf region."

this important area."

in the Gulf," Stoltenberg said.

Each of the two countries released about 37,000 PoWs in daily exchanges which began on Aug. 17, but the swap stopped a month later. Iraq had about 50,000 PoWs in

Iranian camps registered by the International Committee of the Velayati and Zahawi also Red Cross before the exchange began. Tehran put the number of its captives as high as 55,000. Mottaki said after a mission to Baghdad last month that Iraqi authorities had told him only two groups of Iranian PoWs remained in their country — those who did not wish to go back and those who were jailed or awaiting trial for breaking laws during their

> captivity. Zahawi repeated Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz's invitation to Velayati to visit Baghdad, Tehran Radio said.

how long U.S. forces should

remain in Saudi Arabia if there

was a stalemate, only 12 per

cent said indefinitely. But 32

per cent predicted that was

how long troops would be

of polisters.

Americans 'profoundly uneasy' over Gulf deployment "I am profoundly uneasy about the instant deployment of over 100,000 American troops, sold to the American people on false assertions that Saddam Hussein is Adolf Hitler, that

> It was the "ghost of Vietnam question," said Alan Kay, founder of the bipartisan group World War II. In Philadelphia, Harold Jor-

dan, coordinator of the National Youth and Militarism Programme of the American Friends Service committee, receiving 550 to 600 calls and letters since early August from people who "never had any contact with organised peace of anti-war movements in the

Some, Jordan said, "say they would fight if they felt this country was truly threatened. but they don't see this as being a threat."

troops "should just get back Senator Bob Kerrey, a Nebover here." When the organisation raska Democrat, said in a Sept. Americans Talk Security asked 19 speech on the Senate floor,

our way of life is at clear and present danger, that we have as much at stake as we did in

Kerrey also said that "many - probably a majority - of Nebraskans" bad accepted Bush's rationale for the deployment.

More than two weeks later. Kerrey's press secretary, Steve Jarding, said "that hasn't changed. It's still pretty strong that he ought to be supporting the president."

Democratic Congressman Jim McDermott, on the other hand, said telephone calls and letters from his district have reflected "a lot of support for the position of getting out of the Arabian desert."

McDermott voted against a resolution supporting the pres-

emphasising the need for diplomacy to resolve it. The resolution passed the house 380-29 on Oct. 1 and the Senate passed a similar measure the following day. McDermott said that when

he was attending meetings in his home district during the August recess, "the question was raised, what are we doing in the Gulf? It was more a questioning than a statement of support or attack." More recently, he said, "People began to raise the question of: Why don't we get out of

Some of the dissent, of course, comes from longtime critics of U.S. military involvement abroad. Demonstrators have begun to appear in Lafayette Square across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House. On one recent afternoon, reprising a refrain from the Vietnam era, they shouted, "Hell no, we won't

all-out backers as well. "I support his action and know he has far more advisers with a lot more knowledge of what's going on than I could ever imagine," said Darlene Brown, president of a young Republicans group in Mary-Yet Jordan of the Quaker-

And the president has his

based Friends Service Committee said he was getting calls from people, hardly any of them Quakers, from a wide variety of fairly ordinary backgrounds."

"We see people from Hillbilly country in west Virginia, folks in Idaho, all kinds," he said. "We are getting calls from pay booths on military installations. Some people have made it clear that if they are ordered they are not going. These are people who have been pushed over the edge by the Gulf situation."

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#### WEATHER

Meteorology.

Bulletin supplied by the Department of

It will be partly cloudy and winds will be northwesterly moderate to fresh, causing dust in desert areas, In Aqaba, it will be dusty with northerly moderate to fresh wind and wavy sea.

### JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

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#### **EMERGENCIES** Civil Defence Department ...... 661111 Civil Defence immediate

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Central America Telephone

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#### Radio Jordan ...... 774111 Electric Power Queen Alia Intl. Airport..... 08-53200

### HOSPITALS

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#### **QUEEN ALIA** INTERNATIONAL **AIRPORT**

FOR THE TRAVELLER

This information is supplied by Royal Jordanian (RJ) information department at the Queen Alia International Airport Tel. (08)53200-5, where it should always be verified.

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Beans ...... 350 / 300

Cabbage ..... 120 / 80

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The Higher Committee on Jerusalem Affairs meets

in Rabat to discuss situation in occupied territories

### Jordan to attend Arab League emergency meeting

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan has announced its intention to attend an Arab League emergency meeting of the foreign ministers to discuss the Israeli massacre of Palestinian citizens in Jerusalem last Monday, according to the

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Jordan News Agency, Petra. The agency said Jordan's approval of the meeting raised to seven the total number of Arab states announcing their intention to take part in the emergency meeting called by the state of

Palestine. The agency said so far Jordan, Iraq, Yemen, Algeria, Mauritania, Tunisia and Sudan had announced their decision to participate in the coming meeting expected to be held in Tunis.

Jordan has also announced its decision to take part in the emergency meeting of the Higher Committee on Jerusalem Affairs, in Rabat, which will be organised at the request of King Hassan of Morocco.

The higher committee, which was formed by the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), is and other holy shrines. chaired by the Moroccan

### 100,000 evacuees repatriated

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Filipina was the 100,000th evacuee to be assisted by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to return from Jordan to Manila Thursday. Since the beginning of the international airlift on Sept. 3, more than 36,000 nationals of Bangladesh, 20,000 Indians, 3,000 Pakistanis, 11,000 Filipinos and 28,000 Sri Lankans and several hundred Egyptians have been repatriated from Jordan on IOM-organised flights.

The IOM international airlift, financed by contributions from governments, the European Community and private donors, has thus reached a new landmark. Evacuees have left on 347 specially chartered IOM flights, taxing Queen Alia International Airport's capacity to its maximum. One ship with over 1,700 Sri Lankans had sailed from Agaba on Sept. 15.

IOM Director of Operations Rolf Jenny, in a brief airport statement in the presence of the Philippine Ambassador Castro, EC Ambassador Falkowski and senior Royal Jordanian management, praised the help so generously extended to the evacuees by the Jordanian authorities. IOM's successful operation of this unique evacuation airlift, Jenny continued, has only been possible due to the excellent cooperation with the government and all organisations concerned.

Private donors in a number of countries, including foundations such as the "World in Harmony" organisation presided by H.R.H. Princess Irene of Greece, that sponsored one aircraft to Bangiadesh, have added to the pledges made by governments to reach more than \$60 million in contributions IOM has been able to

Jenny expressed, on behalf of the director general of IOM, particular gratitude to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for the strong personal support His Highness had extended to IOM throughout the operation, and looked forward to close cooperation with Jordan in this most important humanitarian en-

Jenny also handed over to Sala-

meh Hammad bead of the Evacuce Welfare Committee a cheque as a further IOM contribution to inland transportation, for the total amount of \$1,133,000. He confirmed further on an addi-

tional pledge of \$1.5 million to assist the Jordanian government to carry out local bus transport He finally stressed that due to the increased effort by IOM over the last few days, the evacuee camps, which a week ago still held more than 43,000, were now

practically empty. A press conference organised by Royal Jordanian (RI) to mark the event, was attended by Salameh Hammad, RI's President and Chief Executive Officer Husam Abu Ghazaleh, EC Ambassador Christian D. Falkowski, Ambassador of the Philippines Pacifico Castro, IOM Director of Operations, Rolf Jenny, representatives of the International Organisation for Migration and senior RJ and Queen Alia International Airport

(QAIA) officials. After the press conference, all present went to personally bid farewell to the Philippine nationals at the loading gate, and were received there with three loud cheers that echoed their appreciation for His Majesty King Hussein, Royal Jordanian and the

The 100,000th evacuee, Maria Socorro Palacios, and the 99,999th evacuee Victoria Mendoza were presented with tokens of remembrance by RJ's presi-

Up until Oct. 11, 1909, Royal Jordanian operated 150 chartered flights which uplifted 30,000 evacuees to their vairous homelands.

All Royal Jordanian's staff and facilities have been constantly available round the clock, with the cooperation of all Jordanian governmental departments, to provide whatever assistance necessary.

"And as an airline, Royal Jordanian is proud to have participated in this humanitarian cause, demonstrating themselves as the "Ambassador of Goodwill" for Jordan and His Majesty King Hussein," a statement released by RI said.

### **Bouchard reaffirms Paris** approach to Middle East

cy should be applied in all cases, Security Council. and no one can protect human rights in one place and ignore them in another, according to Following the massacre in the Denis Bouchard.

holy city, the Jordanian Commit-

tee on Jerusalem Affairs sent a

memorandum to the government

here urging it to seek a meeting

by the higher committee in Rabat

to discuss the situation in Jeru-

The Rabat meeting, Petra said,

will discuss the role the Islamic

World can have to respond to the

massacre of Palestinians at Al

Haram Al Sharif and other dan-

gers threatening Al Aqsa Mosque

The Higher Committee on

Jerusalem Affairs, which was

formed in 1981, groups Jordan,

Iraq, Morocco, Palestine, Mauri-

tania, Saudi Arabia, Syria,

and Lebanon.

Guinea, Niger, Senegal, Bang-

ladesh, Iran, Indonesia, Pakistan

By P.V. Vivekanand

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Although the num-

ber of evacuees from Iraq and

Kuwait now in Jordan awaiting

flights home has fallen to less

than 900, the United Nations

agencies and the Jordanian gov-

ernment remain very much alert

to the possibility of a new wave of

people across the border, senior

According to figures released

by relief officials and Asian diplo-

mats, a total of 856 Asians were

on Jordanian territory on Friday,

and all of them would have flown

out by Saturday. This figure com-

pares with 43,000 on Sept. 29,

"Everything is streamlined,

and there is little chance of a

repetition of what happened in

early September," said a senior

official referring to over 55,000

people stuck in windswept,

scorpion-plagued desert camps in

the no-man's-land between the

Iragi border post at Trebeel and

the Jordanian frontier at Al

announced plans to set up transit

camp facilities which could house

up to 150,000 people. "Although

the present problem is over, there

is no guarantee that another mas-

sive wave could not come if hosti-

lities break out in the Gulf," said

the senior official. "We are talk-

ing about the two million plus

remaining in Iraq and Kuwait."

A visit to the two transit camps

at Azraq proved that the facilities

were very much in place for new

arrivals although only a skeleton

staff of international and Jorda-

lems now," said a senior police

official at Azraq I. "The only

problem, as far I can see, is how

"We will not have any prob-

nian officials remained.

The government has

officials said.

officials noted.

Ruweished.

"The international community can not be made to condone Israel's acts of violence in the occupied Arab territories not only on humanitarian grounds but also because violence is part of continued acts of injustice in the Israeli-held Arab lands," the ambassador said in a statement

Thursday. "The recent events in Jeruports the convening of an interna- action. tional peace conference to deal with the Palestine problem," said

He said that the convening of such a conference is more important now than at any time in the past but, he said, ample preparations for such conference should

Number of expatriates dwindles,

fast the concerned countries and

international organisations could

The official noted that "almost

everyone has had his or her ex-

perience with the hundreds of

thousands who passed through

Jordan since Aug. 6 and we are

confident that all hurdles and

those small problems which held

up the traffic have been elimin-

Asian diplomats agreed with

this assessment. "The entire

situation is comforting as far as

the evacuation process is con-

cerned," said one of them. "It's a

simple process: evacuees will be

brought in directly to the camps,

which have basic facilities and

food arrangements, where their

papers are processed, and it will

not take more than 48 hours for

any evacuee to be flown out of

Amman," he said. "But the

nightmare is of another huge

influx triggered by a war in the

Gulf. If that happens, God for-

bid, Jordan will have another

The International Organisation

for Migration (IOM) said last

week that it had enough funds for

the airlift of 40,000 to 50,000 in

the next two to three weeks and

the U.N. had also appealed for

additional funds from donor

the situation was how Jordan

would be paid for the expenses it

has already incurred in offering

Evacuee Affairs Committee, said

last week that the committee had

submitted documents and bills

totalling about JD 41 million to

the United Nations office in Am-

man. These bills relate mostly to

inland transport of evacuees from

the border to the transit camps

and from the camps to airport

Salameh Hammad, head of the

facilities to the evacuees.

What remained unanswered in

problem in its hands."

countries.

arrange evacuation flights."

but the crisis is not over yet

AMMAN (Petra) - France be- first be made on the part of the lieves that international legitima- five member nations of the U.N.

Bouchard said that the Security Council should take proper measures to ensure protection for the French Ambassador to Jordan Palestinian people and the holy places in the occupied Arab terri-

> "France supports a U.N. Security Council resolution that would condemn the use of violence and force in Jerusalem and backs the idea of dispatching a U.N. mission to the occupied Arab lands," said Bouchard. According to the ambassador,

France will not take part in any military action against Iraq besalem can be described as tragic cause U.N. resolutions on the violence; therefore France sup- Gulf do not provide for military

> French forces' presence in Saudi Arabia, he added, came in implementation of Security Council resolutions, but France will pursue all efforts to find a peaceful solution because military solution means a real catastrophe for all nations.

and Agaba as well as other ser-

vices such as power, water and

Times indicate that the commit-

tee has received less than \$8

million from various government

and United Nations agencies and

some of the payments relate to

the transport of evacuees after

Hammad Said Jordan had incur-

red about JD 40 million in ex-

Organisation (UNDRO) said that

it had issued an appeal for \$2

million every week from the

donor countries to help pay for

the internal transport of evacuees

through Jordan. These payments,

which U.N. officials hope, will be

forthcoming, will help the process

but it could be some time before

Jordan would be reimbursed for

the amount it paid until Sept. 29.

spent on the evacuees," said a

senior United Nations official.

"The only hitch is the bureaucra-

tic procedures involved," he said.

"We are trying to convince va-

rious donor governments that

there cannot be any denial of the

fact that Jordan was stretched

beyond its resources and while it

welcomed the assistance in kind

(tents, blankets, medicines, food

etc.) it cannot be a substitute for

the actual cash expenses which it

An Asian diplomat commented

in private that two other coun-

tries which allowed a limited flow

of evacuees through their terri-

tory "were smart to have insisted

to prior receipt of international

assistance in cash before agreeing

to take in any large number of

same thing," he commented.

"But then I guess it is not the way

Jordan, which is well known for

its hospitality, does things."

"Jordan should have done the

has already incurred," he said.

"Jordan will get the money it

The U.N. Disaster Relief

Figures available to the Jordan

### Arar welcomes French stand on Middle East

AMMAN (J.T.) - France's people, the need to convene an ident's statements, even more stand with regard to the Gulf international peace conference Crisis and the situation in the occupied Arab territories as ex- to take part in any aggression pressed by French government leaders was warmly welcomed by as positive developments," said the Speaker of the Lower House Arar in his statement. of Parliament Suleiman Arar.

"France's stand which first emerged through President Francois Mitterrand's address to the U.N. General Assembly is met with satisfaction and relief by the Arab masses," said Arar in a statement to Al Ra'i Arabic dai-

"Statements by French leaders about the right of the Palestinian

and France's determination not against Iraq can only be described

"I believe that the French president's initiative can form the basis for a balanced and comprehensive solution that would ensure the rights of all parties to the Gulf conflict," said Arar.

Palestinian people made the pres- just solution for the problem.

"We in Jordan believe that

such French statements are steps in the right direction, and we believe that countries interested in peace should seek a peaceful solution for all problems in a manner oat would guarantee the rights of all parties," Arar said.

Arar expressed hope that the world would witness an imminent French move within the European Community (EC) to win He said that the French prime support for Mitterrand's initiative minister's statement on Middle and end the American-led inva-East, the Gulf and the need for sion of the Gulf region so as to providing protection to the pave the way for a peaceful and

### Rally held in memory of slain Jordanian journalist

By Lamis K. Andoni Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A big rally was held Wednesday night in memory of the Jordanian journalist Michel Nimri who was gunned down in Athens onSeptember 18, 1985.

The assailant, who used a gunsilencer, was then described as dark skinned with black curly hair, but he was never identified or captured.

Nimri was viewed as a victim of the suppression of freedom of expression in the Arab World. Nimri's assassination was linked to his outspoken criticism of repression by Arab governments and his resilient defence of the freedom of expression.

Many writers believe that whoever killed Nimri was aiming at silencing his voice after publishing a periodical — called Al Nashra — which provided a free forum for all the opposition movements in the Arab World.

Wednesday rally, which was held at the Professional Association Complex, turned into a popular protest against Israeli occupation, foreign intervention in the Gulf, and a tribute to the democratisation process in Jordan.

In a moving speech Michel's brother, Fakhri, who is also a journalist, said that the rally was a tribute to the Palestinians killed last week by Israeli settlers and "to all the martyrs of the intifada." "For us my brother was one

of them. He was killed for the same cause," Nimri said amid applause from hundreds who packed Al Rachid hall at the complex and spilled over to the terrace.

Nimri's mother and father then accepted condolences from the audience as they suppressed tears of sorrow

Michel Nimri

brought about by memory amid the echo of recorded songs for the Palestinian upris-

Speaker after speaker invoked the memory of many Arab writers and intellectuals who were eliminated either by Israel or by Arab regimes. Among those remembered

were Ali Foudeh, a Palestinian journalist and poet who was killed in action when the Israelis invaded Lebanon in 1982 and the Palestinian cartoonist Naji Al Ali, who was killed in London in 1987.— When Nimri was killed Ali

drew a cartoon depicting the Jordanian journalist struggle for democracy through his writings. Ali's cartoon also protrayed the power of the word against repression.

Nimri was born in Samad, north of Jordan, and went to school in Mafraq. He later joined the students' movement and fought along the Palestinian resistance in Lebanon in the mid seventies.

He engaged in early journalistic career by writing for Arab Jordanian and Palestinian newspapers and publications, without abandoning his political activities.

In 1982, during the Israeli siege of Beirut. Nimri volunteered to work for the Palestinian broadcasting service which was instrumental in raising the morale of the Palestinians and the Lebanese as Beirut was almost completely blockaded.

Nimri was 37 years old when he was shot near his residence in Athens. He is most remembered for his defence of freedoms in the Arab World; he headed the Jordanian Democratic Freedoms Committee until his death.

In the Israeli occupied territories Nimri was hailed as the "martyr of the Arab opposition" by the Arabic press in Jerusalem, while fingers of accusation were pointed immediately to Damascus. Although the alledged Syrian role was never really established, Nimri was killed immediately after his periodical Al Nashra wrote a detailed report about the Syrian opposi-

In the August 5th issue of Al Nashra Nimri wrote an article urging all Arab writers, intellectuals and citizens to join the struggle for democracy in the Arab World.

"The cause of human rights is the cause of all people regardless of their political and ideological commitments or affiliations. It is the cause of the ordinary citizen as much as it is the cause of the committed political activities," he wrote warning that Arab citizens were fed up with repression in

any of its forms. His family announced Wednesday that an annual award would be dedicated to the best journalistic achievement in Jordan in memory of Michel Nimri.

### Royal Jordanian hit by Gulf crisis

AMMAN (R) — The head of Royal Jordanian (RJ) said Thursday the Gulf crisis had deprived the state-owned airline of badlyneeded business and raised its

"Royal Jordanian, like other airlines, has been heavily affected by the crisis," Chief Executive Officer Husam Abu Ghazaleh

told reporters. "We have lost many of our passengers, especial-

ly transit passengers." Abu Ghazaleh said sharp rises in oil prices and insurance preminms had coincided with a drastic fall in passenger and cargo traffic in the region. He gave no

An aviation source said transit

passengers accounted for 60 per

RJ's monthly bill for insurance premiums has risen 17-fold in the two months following Iraq's August 2 takeover of Kuwait.

down to 350,000 dollars," the source said.

among countries which have advised citizens to avoid Jordan all the time," an RJ source said. "It is a pathetic situation, but I

plan early this year after revealing a record loss of 130 million dollars in 1988.

for cash to cover losses and meet

RJ also reported foreign loans of 183 million dollars and local obligations of 29 million dinars. Abu Ghazaleh said four RIplanes were taking part in an

fugees who have fled Kuwait and Iraq via Jordan. Almost 35,000 passengers had flown home on 170 extra RJ flights, mainly to Dhaka, Col-

### Businesses complain of high prices of sugar

businesses which use sugar in their products have sent a memorandum to the Minister of Supply Ibrahim Ayyoub outlining their grievances and complaining from severe losses\_

Agency, Petra, the memorandum requested that the Ministry of Supply take a number of steps to reduce the losses and "avert a major blow to the local industries under the present difficult economic circumstances."

The memorandum proposed that the Ministry of Supply allow local businesses to import special types of sugar like powder sugar and sugar extracted from beet and sugar cane which can be any restrictions.

purchased at lower rates and proposed that bakeries and confectioneries be exempted from paying the difference in the price of sugar as these businesses had concluded deals and committed themselves to contracts at the previous rates.

According to Petra, the memorandum suggested that the local businesses should be allowed to buy sugar at subsidised price until the present deals expire so that the exporters could be in a strong position to compete on the markets and it proposed that the Ministry of Supply should make available sufficient amounts of sugar for all businesses and bakeries without

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### Iceland sends aid to evacuees

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) has taken delivery of a planeload of relief supplies that arrived from Iceland as a gift from its Red Cross Society.

Cross Society, who arrived on board the plane, said that the

The director of Iceland's Red and four tonnes of canned goat

shipment was a contribution to the efforts shouldered by the

from Iraq and Kuwait. The shipment was made up of 40 tonnes of supplies, including 7,600 blankets, 18 tonnes of smoked fish, five tonnes of biscuit

According to the official, Iceland's Red Cross Society will dispatch another shipment of 40

JNRCS to care for the evacuees tonnes of relief supplies Wednesday for the benefit of the evacuees arriving in Jordan.

> supplies would contribute towards alleviating the sufferings of the evacuees stranded in Jordan.

He expressed hope that the

JNRCS Vice President Dr. Mohammad Hadid voiced the society's appreciation for the gift.

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# WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

#### EXHIBITIONS

\* Open studio and workshop for artist Samia Zaru displaying paintings, sculptures and hand-painted fabrics. Location: off 2nd Circle, opposite Rosenthal (9:30-1:30 and 3:30-6:30).

\* Archaeological exhibition entitled "Al Lajjun - a Roman Frontier Fort" at the Department of Antiquities' Registration and Research Centre, Jabal Amman. \* Plastic art exhibition by four Palestinian artists depicting the suffering of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation at

the Jordan National Gallery for Fine Arts. \* Exhibition entitled "Science in Profile" at the British Council.  $\dot{x}$  Plastic art exhibition by Jordanian, Iraqi and other Arab artists

at Alia Art Gallery, 1st Circle. ★ The Buni Hamida exhibition of fine handicrafts, weavings and quilts at the Abu Jaher Estate, Yadoudek. & Exhibition by Jordanian artist Omar Al Shayeb at the Royal

Caltural Centre. \* Exhibition of photos from the Goethe-Forest (between Tafileh and Slobak) by Sigrid Neuber at the Goethe Institute - 5:00 P.M.

cent of RJ's business.

"The company used to pay 25,000 dollars a month. In August... the fees jumped to 520,000 dollars and in September went

Britain, France, Germany, Spain and the United States are because of Middle East tension. "We are getting cancellations

guess many other airline companies are in the same boat." RJ embarked on a recovery

. It has already sold all its planes payments on leaseback arrangements. In June RJ said these amounted to 7.5 million dollars a month for Airbuses and TriStars which it will own when the leases end and 850,000 dollars a month for aircraft on operational lease.

international airlift helping to evacuate thousands of Asian re-

ombo and Manila, he added.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordanian

According to the Jordan News

### Jordan Times

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### Trial and error

THE TWO-DAY weekend and the revised working hours and other measures that will take effect today are sensible on more than the energy conservation count. The developed countries of the world adopted the two-day weekend several decades ago as an economic and social measure that all advanced societies need. The economic benefits of such a reasonably prolonged weekend were demonstrated time and again as improving productivity as well as conserving energy. The social benefits were also demonstrated to be profound in a view of the high tension involved in modern way of living, thus necessitating longer rest periods. Yet the adoption of Thursdays and Fridays as a Jordanian weekend is not without its pitfalls.

For one thing, private firms and establishments have been excluded from the new guidelines, rendering the total impact of the new measures less effective. Considering that the Kingdom's private sector occupies an important part of the Jordanian economy and represents a major employer, it would seem that their inclusion rather than their exclusion should have been much more seriously considered.

It is one thing to exclude Jordanian banks and financial institutions that have an international profile from the application of the new measures and quite another to exclude local private enterprises and businesses without an international profile. The internationally connected institutions would have effectively lost one more working day had the new Thursday-Friday weekend been made part of their working system. This, however, does not appear to be true as far as the domestic oriented Jordanian firms and establishments.

The problem also lies in the impracticability of having two sets of weekends in Jordan: One applicable to public enterprises and institutions, including governmental agencies, and another for private and internationally oriented establishments. But as the prime minister, Mr. Mudar Badran, has repeatedly emphasised, the new measures are experimental in nature and that the government is openminded about introducing further changes that commensurate with the needs of the country.

As for the new working hours prescribed by the government, they strike us as rather arbitrary. Whoever thought of starting working hours at 7:45 and ending them at 3:15 must be so Swiss minded and unduly impressed with a precision that may never be maintained in a Middle Eastern culture. Would it not have been much more sensible and practical to start and end work on the hour? On the other hand, would it not have been wise to allow for a short lunch break for the civil servants, by starting work a little bit later and ending it in time for a convenient family dinner, say at 5 or 6 p.m., as the case indeed was in Jordan a couple of generations ago.

At any rate, the government has introduced new and bold measures that are terribly needed at this point in time. Since they are subject to change, after a trial and error period, it is all the more important to keep an eye on how they are working so that the best formula for their success can be devised.

### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

THE Jordanian people realise the grave situation in their region and the looming dangers represented in the presence of foreign forces in Arab lands and Israel's continued atrocities against the Palestinian people, said Al Ra'i Arabic daily. It noted that the representatives of the Jordanian people who sit in Parliament have expressed the people's full realisation of the grave situation and demanded from the government that the people be armed to exercise self-defence and help the armed forces fend off an aggression. Indeed, close cohesion between the leadership and people of Jordan constitutes the most significant aspect of Jordan's steadfastness, and forms the basis on which the democratic rule is founded, the paper said. Internal unity is the guarantee for continued steadfastness and the sense of national belonging and sacrifice marks the mutual relationship and close cooperation between the two sides, the paper added. The paper said that the responsibility of defending the nation lies with the people of Jordan as it does with the leadership of this country, and therefore, it is imperative for all citizens to remain committed in word and deed to the various responsibilities and the joint struggle to attain the common goal.

A columist in Al Ra'i daily describes France's recent reaction to developments in the Middle East region as assuming great significance. President Mitterrand's demand that an international peace conference to find a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict be convened without waiting for a settlement to the Gulf crisis is a clear indication on the part of Paris that the international community attention should not be fully exploited by the United States in the Gulf question, Mahmoud Rimawi wrote. Furthermore. France has displayed its dissatisfaction with the Americans way of handling the Gulf issue by announcing its opposition of Washington's plan as presented to the U.N. Security Council, demanding authority to launch an aggression on Iraq, the writer adds. It is clear that France is keen on giving full world community attention to the situation in the Middle East on equal footing with that given to the Gulf crisis as it believes international legitimacy can not be selective, the writer points out. France's announcement that it will not take part in any joint military action against Iraq in the Gulf gives further credibility to the French stand with regard to all problems in our region, Rimawi notes. He says that the majority of the Arab people would support the idea of sending French troops to be stationed in the occupied Arab territories as way of translating French policy into practice and helping to provide protection and security to the Palestinian people. Such a move, he adds, could be taken under U.N. auspices not for the sake of launching aggression on Israel but rather for defensive purposes, exactly as the western alliance had done in the Gulf region.

# Massacre turns spotlight back to Palestinian plight

By Mona Ziade The Associated Press

AMMAN — The killing of 19 Palestinian protesters by Israeli gunfire in occupied Jerusalem has given Iraq an opportunity to drive a wedge between the United States and its allies in the Gulf crisis and turn Arab anger against the United States.

By shooting unarmed Palestinian protesters. Israel played into Iraq's hands, diplomats and analysts say.

"It's a victory for Saddam, one which has cornered the United Sates," a senior Jordanian official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"His only hope was to drive a wedge into the western alliance against him. I think Israel has given it to him," the seasoned diplomat commented.

Monday's slayings dramatically shifted the spotlight away from the Gulf and strengthened Saddam's argument that the dispute over Kuwait and the Arab-Israeli conflict are intertwined, and that one cannot be resolved without the

With Israel abruptly and violently pitched into the political cauldron stirred by Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait, there are some fears that Saddam may now feel tempted to carry out his threats to strike at the Jewish state.

That would leave Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia — the main components of the Arab alliance ranged against him in an extremely awkward position, as they could hardly be seen to condemning retaliation against the Arab enemy.

Diplomats and analysts believe that even if Saddam does nothing but sit tight, Monday's killings will put pressure on the

U.S.-Arab coalition to take action to resolve the Arab-Israeli dispute.

The United States has firmly resisted any linkage between Kuwait and Palestine. America's European allies initially backed the stance, but have since shown signs of a willingness to tje the two issues.

In condemning the Jerusalem bloodbath this week. U.S. President George Bush stressed that the priority remained for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait.

He also warned Saddam against tying Monday's tragedy, the bloodiest day in the Palestinians 34-month-old uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories, to the invasion of Kuwait.

The European stand indicated a clearly differing assessment from Washington's, with the 12 European Community partners urging "the start of a peace process which is long

overdue." France openly said a move to resolve the 42-year-old Arab-Israeli conflict need not wait for Kuwaiti sovereignty to be restored.

If Bush "tries to protect Israel again, that will only prove Saddam right in his accusation that the United States is an enemy of the Arabs. If Bush shows flexibility, Saddam will say his policy has forced the Americans to back down," the Jordanian official said.

"Either way, this development will make him more stubborn in sticking his feet deeper into the Kuwaiti sand." he said. "If the Americans want a new order in the world, they should apply to all conflicts equally. There's no room for

double standards anymore." He said it would be foolish for Saddam to insist on a

"mechanicai linkage" between the Palestinian and Kuwaiti

Kuwait and the Palestinians "belong to the same region, and the other linkage is that the main outside actor in both crises is the United States." another Jordanian official said.

"How this big power reacts now will definitely affect the course of war or peace," he France's ambassador to Jordan. Denis Bauchard, under-

Jerusalem slayings have overshadowed the Gulf crisis. "Right now, there's a need

scored in an interview how the

the Palestine issue, even if the Kuwait crisis is still unresolved," Bauchard said.

"There are clear resolutions demanding an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait and Iraq must implement these resolutions," he said.

"There are resolutions pertaining to Palestine, too, and since Israel for so long now has refused to implement these resolutions ... we propose convening quickly an international conference on the Palestine issue to avoid more violence." The international confer-

ence is a proposal Israel and the United States have long rejected because it involved for an emergency meeting on

the Soviet Union and the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

The Soviet Union no longer poses a challenge to U.S. influence because of detente and both powers laying to rest the cold war, typified by Moscow and Washington jointly conde-

mning Saddam. But publicly, the United States remains unwilling to accept a role for the PLO in a. Middle East peace process.

Israel also has categorically rejected the idea of an international conference at which it would be forced to offer concessions to the Palestinians.

Europe insists on the parti-

cipation of the PLO on an equal footing as the representative of the world's 5 million Palestinians.

"The situation in the occupied territories has become macceptable, and any delay with result in convening a conference will lead to more atragedies," a western diplomat

said. The diplomat, asked whether the United States would soften its stand on the -international conference, said: "There's an evolution ... among U.S. leaders on this issue and I think before too long, they'll realise it's the best mechanism.

# Is the U.S. losing in the Gulf?

By Alan Elsner

WASHINGTON — Has the Un-

Gulf crisis? Some analysts believe President George Bush has let the psychological pressure on Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein slacken

and say his policy is now drifting. "I'm beginning to get a little nervous. I wonder if the United States is losing control, drifting, uncertain of what it is going to do next," said Barry Rubin, of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Bush succeeded in keeping an extraordinary focus on the Gulf crisis for the first two months after Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

But in the past 10 days, the focus has shifted, both in Washington and in the region. At home, Bush has stumbled badly in attempts to cobble together a new budget that would cut the huge government deficit and his popularity ratings have plum-

ited States lost the initiative in the solution to the Gulf crisis with an ger.

West Bank and Gaza Strip. It placed the United States on the defensive in the United Nations, trying to keep its alliance with moderate Arab states together by condemning Israel for excessive use of force while warding off pressure for an even tougher Security Council resolu-

But in a deeper sense, there is a feeling among some in Washington that the United States no longer knows what it wants to achieve in the Gulf and is unsure how far it is prepared to go to achieve it.

Officially, Bush has not wavered from the goals he set forth immediately after the invasion an Iragi withdrawal from Kuwait, restorating of the Kuwaiti ruling family and freedom for U.S. hos-

One problem is that Kuwait is being so quickly dismembered by

more and U.S. troops will still be to be diminishing. Carus added. sitting in the desert," Rubin said. Kuwait's ambassador to Washington, Sheikh Saud Nasir Al Sabah, made the same point on Wednesday in a hearing before the House of Representa-

tives' Human Rights caucus. "I don't believe that Iraq, in the short run or the long run, will be adversely affected by sanctions," he said.

"Time is running out. I hope we can find a quick and prompt solution to rescue my people." Seth Carus of the Naval War College Foundation noted that some advocates of sanctions had predicted that Iraq would be on

its knees by now. "That clearly has not happened

Abroad, the killing of 21 Iraq that it maynot be possible to time if at all. And the longer the Palestinians by Israeli police gave put it together again if the crisis goes on, the greater will be Iraq the opportunity to link a occupation continues much lon- the temptation for the West to focus on other things," he said,

end to Israeli occupation of the "Saddam is coming to the con- By defying the world. Saddam clusion that the United States is was beginning to look like a bluffing. If this continues for six winner in the Arab World while months, Saddam will look like a the appetite of Washington's winner, Kuwait won't exist any allies for military action appeared

"The longer the world delays in this matter, the harder it will be to act decisively," Josepsh Goldberg of the National Defence University.

Bush administration pronouncements have wavered recently, seesawing between conciliatory-sounding statements one day and more aggressive

words the next. This kept Saddam psychologically on edge for a time, Carus said, but was now costing Bush some credibility among his allies.

"The bottom line is there are no easy options. People who focus on sanctions as an easy way out are just as wrong as those who think there can be a quick, and will not happen for a long clean war," he said.

## Who controls the troops in Gulf?

By Charles Aldinger

WASHINGTON - Recent well.

troops on one side and a collec- dies. forces from the United States and ground attack, just coordinating ern and Arab nations on the other aircraft would be a major

troops dug in there?

Iraq soon are very dim.

assurances from Pentagon offi- Batin in Saudi Arabia.

By Peter Humphrey

Reuter

Romania is stranded in an uneasy

begin to treat the profound ills

Ceausescu, at whose hands it slid

economy has yet to be born.

liamentary wrangling.

banking are held up by par-

New laws on enterprises and strators.

confused.

the time.

ordinary people.

cials that the now-separate U.S..

sive against Iraq have highlighted sanctions against Iraq are given said his forces would not join any uncertainties about the mission of very ample time — and not be- offensive in the region. Arab troops massed against Iraq. goals of any operation," said Jim than 175,000 marines, soldiers,

tion of ground, air and naval "But even if you're not talking 2 invasion of Kuwait. more than a dozen of other West- U.S., British, French, Dutch and undertaking," he said.

Who will command forces Other experts pointed to statearrayed against Iraq? Will the ments in recent days by the comorders be to protect Saudi Arabia manders of 14,000 Egyptian or will they send Western and troops and 4,000 Syrian troops in Arab troops into Iraq or neigh- or near Saudi Arabia that their bouring Kuwait to drive out forces were there to protect Saudi several hundred thousand Iraqi Arabia, not to take part in any offensive against Iraq.

agree that prospects for any quick Saudi defence capabilities and But they question how anti- General Mohammad Ali Bilal on a command structure. Iraq forces would be integrated in told the Sharjah-based Al any fighting situation despite Khaleej newspaper at Hafr Al King said following a recent

bated and voted on clause-by-

clause, with arguments centring

on how much influence the state

The reluctance of foreigners to

by Romanian bureaucrats to slow

Belt-tightening and self-

the coming winter. Already long

work. Nobody feels it's worth it. essential goods which Romanians 10 per cent loss of working time.

ment's promises of a market eco- this winter, despite the demise of ground to a halt in the past three

frustrated manager of an idle Minister of Economic Gui- and component shortages or the

furniture factory near Bucharest. dance Eugen Dijmarescu has reluctance of workers to work.

The country is in deep crisis as drawn a bleak picture of recent Investment in new plants

backward for almost 40 years. restrict itself for this period of the debts under Ceausescu. But, with

abound. Energy prices have shot at best, to potential foreign inves- it is plunging into financial crisis.

But the cure for these ills- Investors have held back espe- deficit would swell by \$1 billion

appears remote in the absence of cially since pro-government vio- because of higher oil imports

a functioning economic system. lence in June, when thousands of caused by the Gulf crisis.

ficant." he said.

it approaches the first anniversary results and near-term prospects in lagging well behind schedule.

BUCHAREST - Nine months should have on such matters as

since emerging from one of mod- the retention of hard currency

middle ground between communitaries and creditors to lend be-

ism and capitalism, its economy cause of political instability and

shattered, its dreams distant and publicly acknowledged attempts

The National Salvation Front down or sabotage free-market

(NSF) government has yet to reforms, have worsened the des-

afflicting industry and millions of sufficiency are watchwords for

Not until they see the govern- realise will remain in short supply

Inflation is rampant. Shortages reform to its own resources and.

up. Strikes, absenteeism and in- tors acting on their own

dustrial paralysis are the norm. account... participation of fore-

The trade balance deteriorates all ign capital has so far been insigni-

Communism is dead but a new miners poured into Bucharest to

The new laws are being de- been liberalised." Dijmarescu

"Nobody seems to want to queues form outside shops for

ern Europe's darkest ages, profits by firms.

fashion an economic system to cent into darkness.

nomy enshrined in law," said the communism.

of the overthrow of Nicolae local media interviews.

Western and Saudi-led Arab Arabia will not participate in any that British forces would be put command structures would mesh offensive," he said in the remarks under U.S. "tactical command" published on Monday.

officers in the Gulf that their the next couple of months, cer- similar remarks by the Syrian ble to London. forces would not join any offen- tainly not before the economic commander in Saudi Arabia, who

more than 300,000 Western and fore further agreements on the The United States has more What happens if shooting starts Blackwell of the Centre for airmen and sailors in the region, in the region between Iraqi Strategic and International Stu- by far the largest of the forces ordered there after Iraq's August

> the region also include, or will soon include, more than 100,000 Saudi troops and reserves, nearly 16.000 from Britain, 4,500 from France, 6.000 from Morocco. 5,000 each from Pakistan and Bangladesh and dozens of ships and aircraft from a dozen coun-

U.S. forces are under the com-Private U.S. defence analysts "Our main task is to reinforce mand of the army General Norman Schwarzkopf, who has been offensive thrust into Kuwait or protect its borders against any holding talks with Saudi military aggression." Egyptian Major officials since the buildup began

British Defence Minister Tom Washington meeting with U.S.

able to the population."

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said. But he added: "There is a tremendous inflation all over.

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Romania: Communism or capitalism?

"Romania will be forced to black having cleared its external

"The Egyptian forces in Saudi Defence Secretary Dick Cheney in the region, but their British statements by two senior Arab. "I don't see any offensive in... On Sunday, the paper carried commanders would be responsi-

> Don Kerr of the London-based International Institute Strategic Studies said he did not foresee problems in contingents carrying out their respective tasks despite the apparent complexity

of command and control. But Larry Kord, a former Pentagon official now with the Forces arrayed against Iraq in Brookings Institution, warned that great political pressure will mount on different countries to do different things if shooting

"It's one thing for Egypt to say it will protect Saudi Arabia from Saddam and quite another to ask Egyptian troops or planes to attack Kuwait or Iraq." he said.

Analysts and diplomats in the region say the issue of whether Arab troops would be led by the U.S. command if shooting starts is an extremely sensitive one because Muslim states with troops in the Gulf are anxious not to be seen as promoting a Western presence

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"There is no choice but economic reform." President Chadli Benjedid told the na-

The doubling of world oil prices sparked by Iraq's August 2 invasion of Kuwait will net Algeria more than \$1.4 billion in extra revenue this

The government is also counting on an influx of foreign investment and fresh credits to refinance up to \$2 billion of the \$24 billion foreign.

Hamrouche has set a yearend deadline for all state firms to become autonomous profit centres setting their culmination of a process Chadli launched in the mid-1980s.

have abolished state trading monopolies and allowed foreign firms for the first time since the 1970s to sell scarce goods on the local market for dinars or hard currency through Algerian concessionaires.

worsen before it improves.

**NEWS ANALYSIS** 

Algeria speeds

up transition to market economy Much of Algeria's industrial base, one of the biggest in

By Philip Shehadi

ALGIERS — Socialist Algeria, casting off the remnants of two decades of central planning, is seizing on an oil price windfall from the Gulf crisis to speed up moves towards a market economy.

Prime Minister Mouloud Hamrouche, defying political logic, his critics say, is racing ahead with liberal economic reforms just months before the first multi-party general elections since independence from France in 1962.

In doing so he has triggered a crisis in his ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) and stirred the anger of trade unions and state employees who say their jobs and incomes are

oil prices at 40 dollars a barrel, Algeria has an historic chance it must not miss to emerge from a planned economy and under-development," Hamrouche told Reuters this week.

tion on Monday night.

Althoug most of the moneyhas been earmarked to pay off commerical debt arrears and shore up reserves depleted by five years of economic crisis, some should be left to help revive growth and cushion the social impact of reform.

The most recent measures

But the obstacles are formidable and many public and private sector managers are convinced the situation will

cent. Only one in four public and private sector firms made profits in 1988. The reforms are coming under renewed fire as opposition groups and FLN hardliners play on public fears that a

Africa, is at a standstill and

unemployment exceeds 25 per

free market economy would punish the poor send inflation even higher than its current 30 per cent annual rate. An association of public sector employees urged its members last month to obstruct the reforms, which they said

jeopardised the social gains se-

cured under socialism. Managers at a conference on the crisis this week bitterly complained they were being asked to restructure and meet the challenge of competition without the means to do so.

"We are for the reforms and for a market economy, but will be able to defend ourselves against what will certainly be unfair competition by foreign firms?" asked Mohammad Arezki Lounis Khodja, a leading industrialist.

"For us, democracy means that pent-up demands from everyone in the firm are falling on our heads without having the means to meet them," said the manager of a state firm. The managers complained they had not been adequately consulted on the reforms and could not be expected to turn around loss-making firms, often halted for lack of raw materials and spare parts, without new state funds.

They also say they are running up against entrenched bureaucratic attitudes that despite new laws - maintain in practice the old system of monopolies.

"How can you get rid of administrative practices of 30 years in the space of two or three months?" said another manager.

Hamrouche sought to reassure both mingers and workers that the government would help execute any serious restructuring plan by making more credit availabe at state banks.

But local interest rates are as high as 18 per tent, hard currency is in short supply and banks have yet to mobilise the 40 billion to 50 billion dinars (\$4.2 billion to 5.3 billion) ciruclating on the black mar-Reuter

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# Egyptian parliament speaker assassinated

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thosands of troops to join U.S.led forces opposing the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, Tackilling took place one day after Egyptians voted in a re-

ferenum to dissolve parliament. Preident Hosni Mubarak, responling to the poll result, orderd the dissolution Friday and diled mid-term general elecriensfor Nov. 29.

Mibarak, whose policies were strongly supported by Mahjoub, issue a decree, carried by the natical Middle East News Agency (IENA), to dissolve the People's Assembly.

Te decree ended months of polical wrangling after a sup-

reme court ruled in May that parliamentary elections held in 1987 were based on an unfair law favouring party candidates against independents,

Egypt announced earlier that the country's voters had approved the dissolution of parliament, paving the way for the early general elections.

The vote is not expected to change the political map of Egypt or erode the position of Mubarak, whose popularity has soared because of his handling of the Gulf crisis.

Because Mubarak has not named a vice president, Egypt's constitution considers the speaker of the People's Assembly the second-ranking official after the president. Mahjoub had been speaker since 1984,

After the shooting, Mahjoub's widow was brought briefly to the hotel, crying hysterically, she sobbed: "Just let me see him."

The speaker's body was later driven away in an ambulance

accompanied by two brothers. A police lieutenant said Mahjoub sat in the rear seat of the Mercedes when the attackers struck. He said the dead man in the front of the car was a bodyguard but that the driver survived. Musa said the driver has disappeared and may be in hos-

A witness said he saw a wounded man rushing to a garage near the attack scene shouting: "I have nothing to do with this. Let me live." The witness quoted bystanders as saving the man had jumped from Mahjoub's car.

In recent weeks, newspaper commentators and cartoonists have been mocking the outgoing skewering Mahjoub for his position on the referendum. Although he never said so publicly, he was known to oppose the dissolution of the assembly and

The speaker was born in April 1926 and graduated from Cairo University law school in 1948. He took a doctorate in economics from the University of Paris in 1953. He has four children.

The slain speaker was a constant target of opposition criticism because of his handling of parliamentary proceedings.

Mubarak said Thursday the Gulf crisis cannot be linked with the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"The Gulf crisis is an Arab problem... the Palestinian question is an Arab-Israeli problem," said Mubarak. "If we say that we are going to link the two, this means that we don't want to solve anything at all."

But Mubarak endorsed the People's Assembly and indirectly idea of sending an international force to police the Israelioccupied territories, including Arab Jerusalem, to protect Al Aqsa mosque and other religious

### U.N. move hangs in balance

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least twice and resurrected as

accompanying letter previously criticised by non-aligned nations. British Ambassador David Hannay said: "I think this is the time we must have a vote... by next week this would not be very

easy to manage." U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering told reporters shority before informal council consultations, "We are now at the stage where we have to fish or cut bait on this particular effort and it

The United States spent all day Thursday talking to non-aligned countries individually and both ambassadors from these pations low the Palestine Liberation do.

Organisation (PLO) on every aspect of the resolution.

"I think there is a difference between demands of the PLO on many of these questions," Pickering said.

"They sold us they are moving en their own and we are grateful for this." he added.

One revised resolution distributed by Hannay says the council was "alarmed" by the violence which took place in Jerusalem Monday and "in this regard especialiv" condemns the acts of violence committed by Israeli forces.

would be a tragedy if the council it cails for Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to send a mission to the region and submit a report by the end of October but does not spell out the aims of and Pickering said the Non-such a mission, which the PLO Aligned Movement did not fel- and its supporters have insisted it

#### U.S. build-up near completion

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Iraq in the next two months, unless there is a "provocation" by Iraq, according to a television report

Another U.S. television report said American pilots in the Middle East are repeatedly confronting Iraqi air force pilots in serial showdowns. The report also said the Soviet Union has given the Defence Department details on how Iraq's Soviet-built missiles work that could help U.S. pilots.

or if Iraq is blamed for a guernilla attack against Western targets. The network said U.S. elliss sould also trigger a conflict, for imstance by provoking Iraq. NBC quoted senior U.S. administration officials as saying that Saudi air force pilots were routinely dying into Kuwaii to lease

senior Defence Department sources,

said there would be no attack on Iraq

But the nerwork said war could

break out earlier if Irau harms Wes-

terners being held in Iraq and Kuwai:

in October or November.

#### the Iraqis NBC News, quoting unidentified Arab League to meet Oct. 17

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accompanying the group called the

"Temple Mount faithful." "We also call the international community to take the necessary measures to provide protection to the only that it is necessary to eliminate Palestinian people from Israeli prac- the Jewish state from the Middle East tices, practices which violate their (and) establish a democratic Palestibasic right to life and threaten the nian state including all "

integrity of their religious samacs," Libyan leader Muammar Quehafi said Israel had to be done away with

because of the massacre.

### Thousands rally in Jordan

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atmy time over these last 40 plus yers and we have really had egugh," said one of the organis-

es of the rally. is the female protesters walked to the Professional Associations Complex, church bells and the call omuzzein overlapped as the two hi agreed to let both the Friday md-day call to prayer and the send of church bells commemome the deaths of the Palestinians

tied last Monday. "Now that the Israelis have gotm to the point where they shoot pople while they are praying there seems to be no room for the belief tat they will ever respect Palestiians' rights to live, worship and be qual citizens of the Holy Land,"

But it was the rally organised by slamist political groups that drew he largest overall crowd of the day a the downtown Mahatta square. is the afternoon began and dark :louds lay overhead, about 30,000 people were led in a protest chant by Islamist leaders who addressed

In the largest and best organised rally todate since Monday's massacre, so-called independent Islamists threw in their lot with Muslim Brotherhood members to draw crowds in the downtown square. Previously an attempt by as E grouping of pan-Arabist, leftists and Islamists to arrange a massive rally to protest the killings had

the rally.

Independent Islamists like de-puties Laith Shbeilat and Atel Broush and other non-Brotherhood Islamists like Walid Seif and Nasr Yousef participated in the rally, which had the rigid discipline and dialectic tone of the many Brotherhood rallies that Jordan has witnessed since last November when parliamentary

elections were held for the first time in 22 years. Some long-time political observers believed that the presence of "moderate" Islamists at a basically Brotherhood rally marked a change in their so-called centrist stand. "It may be that because the pan-Arabist and leftists could not get their act together these people are coming together," said one

observer. "There should be no excuse for not arming the population to prepare them for self-defence, and financial problems are not an excuse," said a Muslim Brotherhood

parliamentarian. As black, green, Jordanian and Palestinian flags waved in the afternoon breeze of the square and the crowd chanted in unison, hundreds of children on the surrounding hilltops waved photographs of Arafat, burned the American flag and chanted "Palestine is Arab

land." In Ramtha, Zarqa, Jerash and many other towns, villages and -refugee camps across the country people took to the streets to protest what many people in Jordan feel is the last straw in Israel's violation of human, national and religious rights of the Palestinians.

he had said.

### PLO moving closer to linkage

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more than 30 Palestinians last week in Jerusalem. According to PLO officials, speaker after speaker criticised officials who have made statements to distance the organisation from Iraq. They rejected attempts by some PLO officials to "neutralise" the

PLO in the confrontation between Iraq and the U.S. Even though names were not mentioned it was understood that the target of the criticisms were some of Arafat's close aides, including Hani Al Hassan, Nabul Shaath, Jaweed Al Ghussein and PLO representative in Cairo Sai'd Kamal and to a lesser extent

Bassam Abu Sharif. PLO officials said a letter signed by Hassan expressing full Palestinian support for Saudi Arabia was attacked. The letter was widely distributed last month by the Saudi Arabian embassy in Jordan.

Hassan, according to Palestinian sources, defended himself by implying that he was acting upon instructions from the leadership. "However, Arafat did not endorse his statement," one PLO official said. Other PLO officials are convinced that Arafat had prior agreement of the

letter in an attempt to calm Saudi anger and prevent the expulsion of Palestinians working in the Gulf states. But last week, during a short visit to Amman, Arafat expressed a defiant position regarding Gulf states' implicit and explicit threats to deport the

more than 700,000 Palestinians working there. "It will not be the first time... Palestinians were expelled in waves for 10 times for (supporting late Egyptian President Jamal) Abdul Nasser and twice to appease the late Shah of Iran," he told reporters here last week." "We tell them that depriving people from their livelihood is tantamount to killing them." he said.

By Friday night, Arafat's final position on how far the statement should go in linking the Gulf crisis with the Palestinian problem was not clear. In his opening speech at the PCC meeting, however, Arafat called for the implementation of all United Nations resolutions pertaining to all problems of the region and rejected selectivity in applying these resolutions. Last week in Amman Arafat indicated that he would not accept anything

less than a full linkage between all Middle Eastern problems and that he was unequivocally siding with Iraq in its confrontation with the U.S. "You cannot expect me as the leader of the Arab national liberation movement... to be neutral in a confrontation between Iraq and the U.S.,

In an interview with the American Cable News Network (CNN) Thursday, Arafat avoided taking the same clear-cut position. PLO officials said that previously reported PLO plans which drew a rather loose link between the Gulf crisis and the Palestinian problem were not discussed by the PCC.

One report appearing in a local newspaper cited nine steps promoted by the PLO to solve the Gulf crisis and then move towards a settlement of other problems without making a concrete schedule or steps. But, PLO sources said, these were not even mentioned at the meeting.

"We fear that a loose linkage would just lead to an American solution to the Gulf crisis leaving the Palestinian problem unresolved," a senior PLO official said.

During the PCC meeting, both leaders of the Popular Front of the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLF), George Habash and Nayef Hawatmeh respectively made lengthy speeches demanding democratic reforms in the PLO, the formation of a broad national front in the occupied territories including the Islamist resistance movement (Hamas), and the endorsement of a detailed mechanism which links the solution of the Gulf crisis to a settlement for all problems, especially the Arab-Israeli conflict.

One proposal that has been long advocated says the PCC can call for a

broad international conference to solve all problems of the region following the pattern of the international peace conference to settle the Cambodian problem, PLO officials said.

The PLO might suggest, they said, that in addition to the parties involved in all the conflicts and the five U.N. Security Council permanent members, the participation should be broadened to include other influential countries such as Japan and Germany. An escalation of the intifada, including the use of arms, was also among

the demands of many speakers at the PCC. But PLO officials said it was unlikely for any resort to the use of arms. The debate rather revolved on escalating armed operations against Israeli military targets by commandos rather than suggesting that the intifada would turn into arms," DFLP official Ahmad Jamal told the Jordan Times

Friday night.

An official in Tunis said that the PCC was expected to recommend the activation of the PLO's force in South Lebanon in attacks against Israeli military targets.

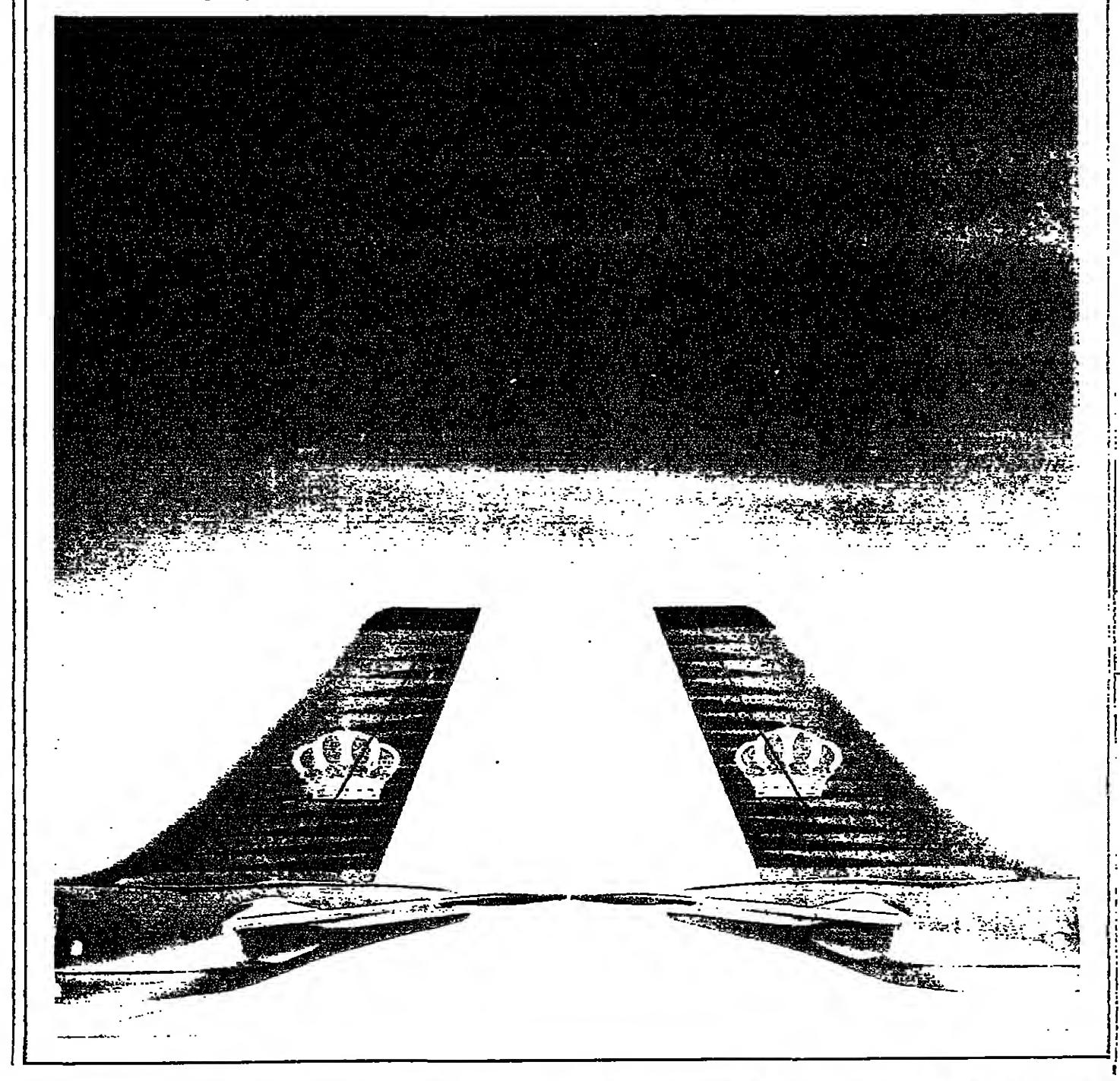
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# Israelis besiege Aqsa

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foiled when the Muslim

Brotherhood refused to cooperate.

The latest victims of Israeli viowere Amar Derouchme, 20, from the West Bank village of Toubas, and Rami Jarar, 18, from nearby Jenin, reports said. Derouchme was fatally shot in the head in a stone-throwing clash with troops, they said, and Jarar was hit in an artery in the leg as soldiers chased curfew violators.

Police fired green bye from water cannon to disperse 150 young men who demonstrated after praying in the road outside Jerusalem's city walls after being denied entry to Al

But the heavy police deployment kept the lid on Arab anger over the massacre Monday and prevented the usual surge of worshippers from midday prayers into the strike-bound city

Para-military border police sear-ched Arabs entering the Old City. They prevented young men from the mosques and barred Palestinians

from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip from entering Jerusalem. Only a few thousands middle-aged and old men, and several hundred women attended prayers at the Haram Al Sharif instead of the usual

Police cancelled seven soccer games in Arab towns scheduled for Saturday for fear of protests.

Jews in black hats and frock coats danced and sang in a religious festival by the western wall early Friday near the bloodstains of the Palestinains shot dead Monday. About 10,000 Jews, some waving

Israeli flags, roared with approval as speakers defended the shooting which has earned Israel global condemna-Only hours before the all-night festival began Thursday whitescarved women circled the bloodied

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Rock mourning the dear and cursing

their killers. Religious leaders had urged Jews to turn out in force on Thursday night causing fears of renewed Arab unrest.

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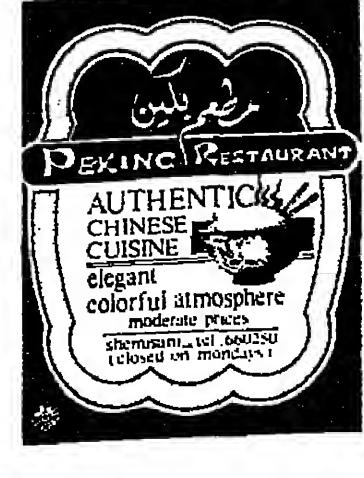
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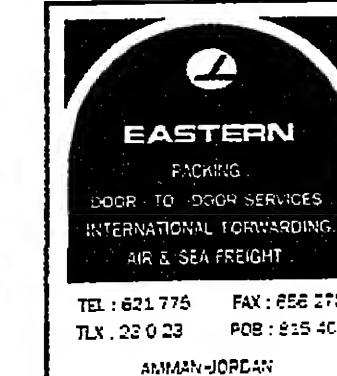
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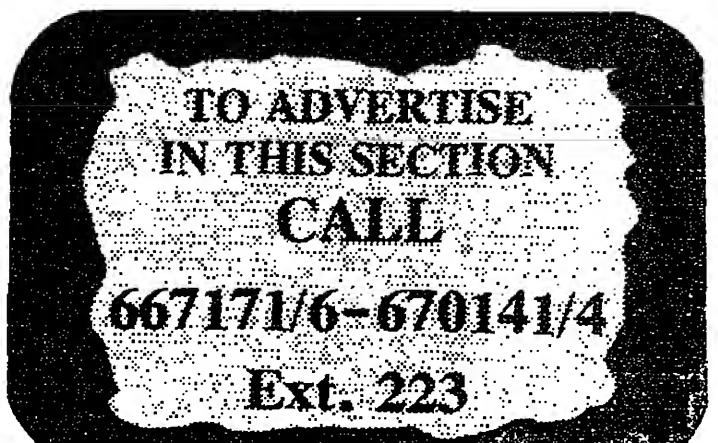


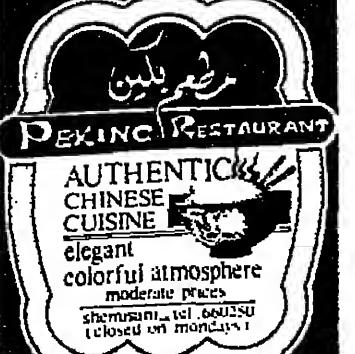
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#### Faroes fairytale ends Kasparov topples in land of little mermaid Karpov in

COPENHAGEN (R) — The Faroe Islands' fairytale progress across the stage of world soccer was brought to an abrupt halt by Denmark, appropriately enough in the land of Hans Christian Andersen.

The team of amateurs who sensationally beat Austria last month on their competitive international debut, were comprehensively outplayed by Denmark in a European Championship qualifying match.

But despite their 4-1 defeat, the Faroes team flew home to their windswept corner of the Danish kingdom Thursday claiming a moral victory.

"Playing Denmark was some-

thing special for us, like playing against our big brother," said Captain Joannes Jakobsen. "They under-rate us all the time but we showed Denmark

their little brother was better than they thought." The Faroes, an autonomous region of Denmark, rocked their

opponents Wednesday when they equalised in the face of a ferocious onslaught. But the more talented Danes drew on their international ex-

perience to produce goals at crucial stages of the match. Michael Laudrup's opener after eight minutes and another two goals immediately before and after the interval exploited perfect-

ly the vulnerability of the part-"Conceding those goals either side of halftime showed how inexperienced we are," said Faroes

coach Pall Gudlaugsson. "If we had gone in level at halftime it would have been a completely different game. But I think we surprised some people

again." Gudlaugsson believes his side have justified the European Football Union's (UEFA) decision to let them compete in the cham-

pienship. "You must remember Greece have lost here 7-1 and Sweden 6-0 in recent years. I think it was a moral victory for us."

The men from the mid-Atlantic were clearly overawed at times by the 38,000 crowd — 10 times the size of any they had previously played in front of.

While the home fans came anticipating a larger goal feast, Danish coach Richard Moeller

PARIS (R) — Michel Platini's

exciting French team, depleted

by a steadily mounting casualty

list, face a crucial European soc-

cer championship Group One

qualifier Saturday against

Czechoslovakia, themselves mis-

Four of the 17 players Platini,

named for the match have

already had to withdraw. Winger

Christian Perez pulled out before

the squad even got together and

captain Manuel Amoros, midfiel-

der Bernard Pardo and playmak-

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Nielsen proclaimed satisfaction with the outcome.

Victory and two points were more important than the number of goals, he said.

But in a group which could be decided on goal difference. Nielsen must have been disappointed that Denmark's unrelenting pressure was not more fully rewarded.

Meanwhile Nielsen has made one change to his squad for their European Championship soccer qualifier against Northern Ireland in Belfast next Wednesday.

Veteran midfielder John Helt, capped 38 times, was named Thursday in place of reserve striker Bent Christensen for the Danes' second match in eight

#### Norway. Hungary tie

In Oslo, Hungary held Norway to a 0-0 draw in a group three European soccer championship qualifier at Brann Stadium in Bergen Wednesday night.

Norway put pressure on the Hungarians throughout the game but failed to score despite several excellent chances. It was the second straight qualifier in which Norway failed to score, having dropped a 2-0 decision to the

Soviet Union in the opener. "Only a victory is good enough now," said Norwegian coach Ingvar Stadheim after the match. "We should have scored three goals. This was a big disappointment for us."

Other teams in group three are Italy and Cyprus.

Per Egil Ahlsen and Erik Pedersen both had great shots for Norway, but Hungarian goalkeeper Zsoit Petrys produced excellent saves.

Rune Bratseth was even closer to scoring for Norway when he sneaked up after a free kick, but Petrys once again blocked the

Kalman Kovacs and Jozsef Kiprich created Hungary's best chances and could have had a penalty shot when Kiprich was brought down from behind, but the referee decided against it.

#### Spain beats Iceland 2-1

In Seville, Spain defeated Ice-'land 2-1 (1-0) Wednesday in a

As the four casualties were

certain selections, Platini has

been forced to reshuffle his team

and one of the replacements,

Paris St. Germain midfielder

Jocelyn Angloma, has been pitch-

ed in for a surprise debut in the

national team at his home sta-

"The jigsaw puzzle I have been

piecing together for 18 months

has had to be remade in two

days," a disappointed Platini

Czechoslovakia, under new

trainer Milan Macala, have prob-

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group one qualification soccer match for the European Cup of Nations in Sweden in 1992.

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The champion unveiled a fines-

se that increased his attacking

potential and launched a risky but

dangerous assault that provoked

heated debate among expert

Grandmasters predicted every

possible result, but Kasparov's

grasp of the baffling complexities

"One of the best games I have

ever seen" international master

Victor Frias told Reuters. "It

looked like perfect execution to

me - Kasparov kept it clean and

Karpov was forced to relin-

quish a rook and two pawns for a

knight to prevent the champion

from achieving checkmate, a dif-

his position completely hopeless.

board for the final moves, rock-

ing his head and grimacing in

disbelief as his adversary pro-

Instead of making his 44th

move, Karpov acknowledged his

defeat with a murmur. The play-

ers shook hands to a standing

ovation from fans gathered in the

The two men fought to a draw

Monday. Kasparov's victory

Wednesday carned him one

point, giving him 1-1/2 points so

far to Karpov's 1/2 point. His lead

is more formidable considering

that he has the champion's advan-

tage of retaining the title in the

event of a 12-12 tie. Karpov

would have to win 12-1/2 points

longed the contest.

Hudson Theatre.

ference in forces that rendered

Kasparov remained at the

proved profound.

that left Karpov helpless.

The home team went all out from the start and submitted the Icelanders to an almost constant siege, but found it difficult to get through their solid defence sys-

The Icelanders threw as many as nine men back in defence. mainly during the first half.

The Spaniards, cheered by a crowd of 45,000 filling the Benito Villarmarin Stadium, opened the score in the 44th minute, when Captain Emilio Butragueno, playing his 55th international match for Spain, headed in the ball far from the hands of goalie Bjorni Sigurdsson.

Carlos Munoz made it 2-0 in the 64th following another Spanish attack.

But one minute later, Sigurdur Jonsson scored for Iceland, profiting from a failure of the Spanish defence. After the goal, the Icelanders opened their lines and launched

#### fully seeking the equalizer. Germany outclasses Sweden

well organised attacks, unsuccess-

In Stockholm, world champions Germany outclassed Sweden 3-1 in a soccer friendly Wednesday to give Berti Vogts his first victory since taking over as national coach from Franz Beckenbauer.

Italy-based World Cup heroes Juergen Klinsmann, Rudi Voeller and Andreas Brehme struck in a 17-minute period in the first half as the Germans threatened to overrun the Swedes.

Klinsmann volleyed the first in the 28th minute. Voeller headed the second 10 minutes later and Brehme rounded off the blitz with a long-range shot one minute before the interval.

Sweden reduced the deficit in the 73rd minute when Stefan Rehn netted a penalty, but the outcome was never in doubt.

The match was Vogts' second since replacing Beckenbauer. The first was an uninspired 1-1 draw in another friendly against Portugal.

The Germans open their European championship qualifying campaign with a group five match against Luxembourg on Oct. 31.

Danek scored the only goal of

the match against Iceland in an

unimpressive opening on home

ground to Czechoslovakia's cam-

paign to reach the 1992 finals in

France gained a psychological

advantage by winning 2-1 in Ice-

land last month after a hard-

fought match in which the points

mattered far more than the per-

formance. Iceland are no easy

touch as they proved once again

by going down just 2-1 away to

Austrian club Tirol.

to take the championship. The 24-game series, split between New York and Lyon, France, is scheduled to continue and striker Vaclav Danek re-Friday with Karpov having the tained for a league match by his advantage of playing white, giv-

ing him the first move.

Several observers said Wednesdy's game was decided long before Karpov gave it up. "It's been over since around

move 25, because black's pieces on the queen's side couldn't defend his king," said grandmaster John Fedorowicz of New York. Grandmaster Hans Ree of Holland agreed that Karpov could

"He was just playing on to get used to the idea of resigning," Ree said.

### North beats South in historic Korean friendly

beat South Korea 2-1 in an historic soccer friendly — the first sports competition between the divided nations on home soil.

The two Koreas have been bitter ideological foes since the 1950-53 Korea War which sealed the division of the peninsula.

A crowd of 150,000 packed the May 1 Stadium in the North Korean capital Pyongyang to see

SEOUL (R) — North Korea the lead in the 25th minute. scored twice in the second half to — The North Koreans equalis The North Koreans equalised in the 49th minute when Yoon Jong-Su scored with a long-range shot. The Northerners kept up the pressure and Tak Yong-Bin scored the winner from the penalty spot a few minutes from time.

Earlier, fans and sung "our wish is unification" as the two sides came on the pitch side by side. Millions of South Koreans Kim Joo-Sung give South Korea watched the match on television.

### Olimpia of Paraguay wins Libertadores Cup

crowd.

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador (R) -Paraguayan soccer champions Olimpia won the Libertadores Cup Latin American club championship by holding Barcelona of Ecuador to a 1-1 draw in the second leg of the final.

Olimpia, who lost in the final last year, won 3-1 on aggregate after winning the first leg in Paraguay 2-0 a week ago.

Ecuadoran champions Barcelona, playing in their first Libertadores Cup final, threw everything into attack to try to erase the

two-goal deficit. But determined defending by Olimpia and a string of fine saves by Olimpia's goalkeeper Ever Almeida kept them out, disappointing a 50,000-strong home

After a goalless first half. Barcelona had the chance to take the lead six minutes into the second half when Argentine striker Luis Alberto Acosta was fouled in the penalty area. Acosta took the penalty himself but Almeida brought off a good save.

#### Edberg, Lendl, Reneberg and Becker advance to Tokyo semis

TOKYO (AP) — Ivan Lendl had 12 service aces to beat Scott Davis of the United States and Stefan Edberg struggled through a third-set tiebreaker to defeat Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland, as 6-2. both advanced into the semifinals of the Seiko Super Tennis Tournament Friday.

Other semifinalists in the \$1million championship are American Richey Reneberg and Boris Becker of Germany.

The top-ranked and top-seeded Edberg scored a hard-fought 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6) triumph over Hlasek in the quarter finals. The third-seeded Lendl over-

whelmed Davis 7-6 (7-0), 6-2 on the artificial courts of the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium. In other quarterfinal matches,

second-seeded Becker defeated Andrei Cherkasov of the Soviet Uunion, 6-4, 6-4 and unseeded Reneberg romped over qualifier Thomas Hogstedt of Sweden 6-3,

Lendl broke Davis in the first game but Davis broke back the sixth. Lendel dominated the tiebreak with accuate serves and wellplaced service returns.

In the second set, Lendl kept the first game to love, then broke Davis in the fourth and eighth

"I served very well today," Lendl said. "I was broken because of the surface. Scott served into my backhands. It doesn't matter how well I play, I still don't like this (fast) surface."

### Graf and Sabatini reach quarterfinals in indoor games

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) -Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini. the two top seeds, posted straight-set victories Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of the \$350,000 European Indoors Tennis Tournament.

Defending champion Graf, the world's top-ranked female player, extended her unbeaten streak at the Zurich tourney with an unchallenged 6-1, 6-1 secondround victory over unseeded South African Dinky van Rens-

2-5 second-set deficit against Gerhave resigned several moves earmany's Claudia Kohde-Kilsch. The 20-year-old Argentine, the year's U.S. Open champion, won

Graf, going for her fourth Zurich title, meets seventhseeded Nathalie Tauziat of France in the quarterfinals, whom she beat in straight sets in 10 previous encounters. Tauziat advanced to the round

of eight with a 6-4, 6-2 win over compatriot Nathalie Guerree. Sabatiní faces fifth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslova kia, who eliminated Switzerland's Emanuela Zardo in the second

round 6-4, 7-5. No. 3 seed Manuela Maleeva Second-seeded Sabatini fought of Switzerland ousted Claudia off a set point in rallying from a Porwik of Germany 6-1, 3-6, 6-2. Fourth-seeded Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia, Zurich finalist last year against Graf, defeated Argentina's Mercedes Paz, 6p2,

#### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 13, 1990 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundabn

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You are in a safe position to handle the discord that may be stirred up today but be careful how you accept the challenge put to you by a member of the opposite sex who

is tense. ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Ger into whatever material goals you have not done and push them to the utmost so you can benefit from a situation that is all to your best interests.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You have some very good judgement today for going after the various things that you want the most so don't procestinate but use every moment wisely.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Be sure you don't tell all your ambitious plans now or you lose some of your potential for later carrying out a very well thoughout venture. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) A day to go after your intimate aims with courage, confidence and good hard common sense and you can surely make big beadway to gain them.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) The outside world is your oyster today and if you contact and let prominent people know of your worldly aims you can surely get much

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You win today in proportion to your branching out in new areas of activity so don't hesitate to lok into whatever advance ideas at at your fingertips.

LIBRA: (September 23 to Octber 22) Take some time out to getuto those new formulas and system by which you can have a greatereffi-

ciency and operative skills alyour

business affairs.

SCORPIO: (October 23 tan/venber 21) It depends upon bematerial minded person you my contact and get advice from or do business with, whether youget the big benefits possible for ya now. SAGITTARIUS: (Novembr. 22.10 December 21) A day win considerable good luck can attend whatever business you o and especially in chance now pisent to extend it to larger scopes

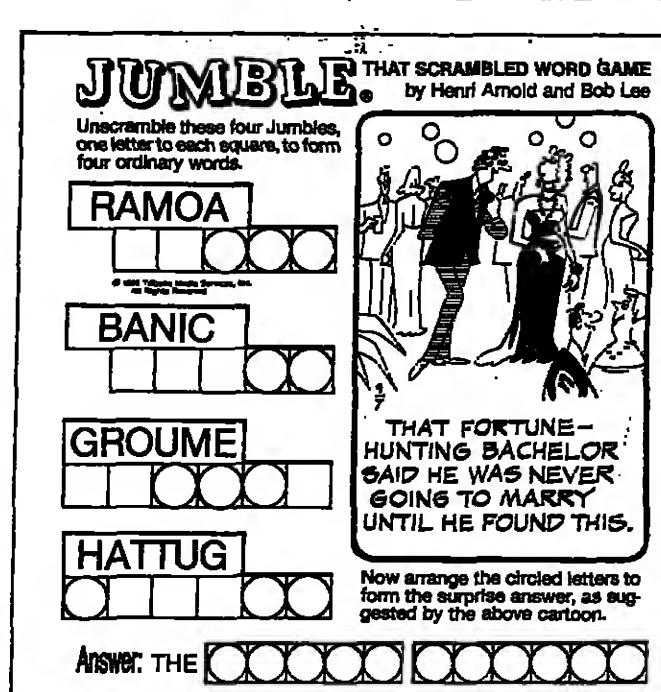
CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Your creative ideas are at a new high and you wald be wise to utilise them to their greatest possible advantae for building up your prosperie.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to ebruary 19) You need to forget althose big daydreams and wishful hinking and get into fundamenta ways to increase your success in pretical

PESCES: (February 20 to Narch 20) There is an opening not for you to be much more produtive by some communications wil influential persons who see /our talent and will back it up.

# THE BETTER HALF By Harris 9-10 6 1990 by Covens Syndicals, Inc. HARRIS **€** :

"Stanley treats me just like a queen! Queen Elizabeth — he never takes her out either!"



Jumbles: SKIMP EXPEL ACCENT DAMPEN Answer: What the hosts said, when their welcome was outstayed by a guest-"PEST!"

## THE Daily Crossword by Bruce W. Thompson

#### ACROSS Gloak 5 Musical count 10 Ship's prison 14 Canard 15 Legislate 16 — majesty 17 Ecstatic 20 Tennis item 21 Fleuret 22 Plus item 23 Skedaddles 24 Catalogue 28 Convenient 29 General type 33 Non-clergy 36 Author Sarah -Jewett 37 Killed 38 Rancor 39 Singular 40 Driving 04 Maneuver 41 Suffered 42 Golf group 44 Straightedges

© 1990 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All Rights Reserved Yesterday's Puzzle Solved: ARIEL PAM SAMAR Berliner BANGE OCA OHALE ELTONJOHUBUNYAN (Kennedy) 9 Ordinal suffix 10 Detonations ARE REFERENCES 11 Guns a motor ACTOR LEHAR AMO BRENDAUEEMARYIN COR DNARW VEERS SCARCE SILAS that -?"

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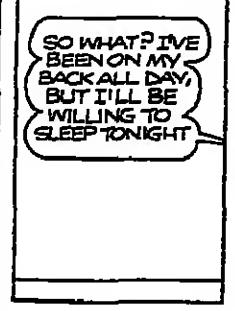
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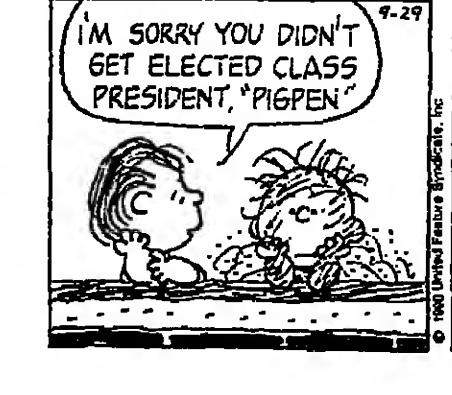




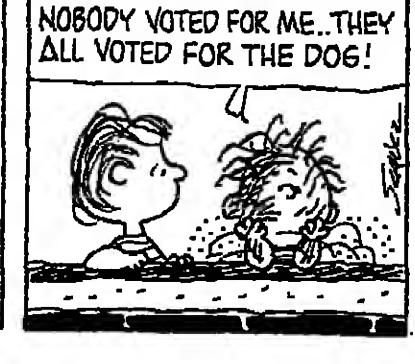




#### **Peanuts**







#### ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you

GOREN BRIDGE

P255 West North East South Pass Pass 1 NT 2 🛊 What action do you take? What do you bid now? A.—The kings in partner's suits enhance the value of your hand, so we don't think you should sign off with three no trump, despite your solid stoppers in the unbid suit. However, you do not have adequate support

holding. Q.2-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **♦AK1075** 13 KJ5 **♣A1063** The bidding has proceeded: West North East I NT Pass Pass

for either of partner's suits. Cue-

bid three diamonds; partner's next

bid should give you a better idea of

What action do you take? A.—You have an unbalanced hand. so there is no reason why you should want to pass. Since partner's hand could be completely unsuited to pades, and you can play in any one of three suits, make your natural rebid of two clubs to see what

develops. Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold: **♠762** ∵Q8 ∶AKQ **♠**AKJ63 The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East Pass 1 : Pass What do you bid now? A .- You have a very good hand and no convenient way to show it! To jump in no trump without a stopper in the unbid suit would be tantamount to suicide, and you are short a club for a jump to three clubs. The

solution is to reverse with two dia-

monds, which is forcing for a

Q.4-As South, vulnerable, you **♠K6** TAJ5 17 **♣Q865432** The bidding has proceeded:

A.—Only a supreme pessimist would consider passing. Since partner should have both a good hand and good suit at this vulnerability, it's simply a matter of whether to bid three or four spades. With only two trumps, your ruffing power is limited, so we prefer the conservative raise to three spades.

the potential of the combined Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you ↑ KJ63 164 + AK82 The bidding has proceeded: North East South 1 . P255 Pass Pass What action do you take?

> A .- There are those who labor under the misapprehension that North's jump to game is a "drop dead" bid. Far from it—it shows a powerful hand worth some 20 points in support of hearts. You are in the slam zone unless you have two fast losers in spades. Blackwood won't help. Start by cue-bidding five clubs.

> O.6-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **★KQ7652** TAK5 : AK8 **★**7 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass 2 4 Pass

What do you bid now? A.—There might be a scientific way to ascertain whether partner has the cards you need to make slam, but we don't know of one other than, perhaps, relay bids. We would simply jump to four no trump and bid six hearts if partner shows at least

Thatcher sends

tough message

### China opens first grain wholesale market

few economic reform moves this nes of rice annually. year, China opened a national wheat wholesale market Friday to replace central allocation of the nation's 85 million-ton annual wheat harvest.

More than 200 grain trading companies were to participate in nading on opening day at the wholesale grain market in Zhengzhou, the provincial capital of Henan, China's wheat heartland, the official Xinhua News Agency

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The market in on of China's few ongoing experiments in using market forces to replace four zhou market's management. decades of central planning. Most other reform initiatives were halted two years ago when congenerating market chaos.

The Zhengzhou market's opening was delayed two years by gical reservations. Some conservative officials have despeculative.

long a serious problem.

age facilities and in bumper years part in the market operations. much grain is left to rot outdoors.

kets for its chief grain, rice. China automatically close.

BEIJING (AP) — In one of its harvests 169 million metric ton-

Most of the Zhengzhou market's wheat will be sold for future delivery, on key element of a futures market. However, William Grossman, managing director of the Chicago Board of Trade's Asia-Pacific Office, said the Zhengzhou operation lacks another element of a true futures market, standardised contracts.

The Chicago Board of Trade, the world's largest futures market, has been training Chinese personnel and offering advice but will not be involved in the Zheng-

A futures market allows buyers and sellers to negotiate a price for what they think a commodity will servatives accused the reformists be worth at a future date. The of overheating the economy and price holds regardless of subsequent market changes. "The most immediate effect

will be to promote circulation. In inadequate planning and ideolo- the long term, it will promote price discovery," Grossman said. Until now, it state grain nounced futures trading for being bureaus in each province had to go through the central government They have allowed the Zheng- to buy or sell wheat to other zhou market to go ahead because provinces, setting a price through it will help the central govern- negotiation. The Zhengzhou ment manage grain distribution, market streamlines the process by bringing buyers and sellers Although the government buys together. Individual farmers will most grain grown in China, it still sell their wheat to the state lacks a network of modern stor- and will not be allowed to take

Commerce Minister Hu Ping Serious shortages have occurred said in June that the market will in some regions while others have set maximum and minimum prices. If the price threatens to go China still lacks wholesale mar- above the ceiling, the market will

### Brady asks Congress for \$40b more for savings and loans bailout

'Love affair with silver seems over'

ury Secretary Nicholas Brady is bankrupt institutions. asking Congress to provide \$40 billion more for the savings and leased Thursday.

losses in failed savings and loans - would be in addition to the \$50 which would be repaid as regula- specific request.

fears sent silver and platinum

from a late bid of \$4.535 in

"It's no longer a precious met-

al, it's an industrial metal," said

years, analysts said.

London Wednesday.

LONDON (AP) — Recession James Capel and Co.

plummeting more than five per \$23.50, or 5.3 per cent to \$418.75

cent in active trading Thursday, an ounce in London from \$442.25

The spot price of silver fell 25.5 1985, Shearson said, adding that

Thursday's late bid was the investment firm Samuel Montagu

lowest level since 1976, according and Co., said: "Both silver and

to Shearson Lehman Brothers platinum are suffering from

Ltd. The low for that year was mounting fears of an economic

the London investment firm are obviously undermining Hatch said.

reaching its lowest level in 14 an ounce late Wednesday.

cents, or 5.6 per cent, to \$4.28 the low that year was \$244.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treas- tors sell assets inherited from

Brady's letter to the Democratic and Republican leaders of the loans bailout. Without the congressional banking commitmoney, thrift rescues "will vir- tees, dated Wednesday, follows tually cease within the next two weeks of pressure from Demomonths," he said in a letter re- crats who said they were reluctant to provide more money without a The money — to cover the specific request from the Bush administration.

Treasury Department officials billion authorised under last had said a range of \$40 billion to year's thrift legislation. It also \$80 billion more than last year's would be on top of about \$60 \$50 billion was needed for savings billion in short-term borrowing, and loans, but had not made a

The spot price of platinum fell

That was its lower level since

Thomas Butler, a precious

metals analyst at the London

Nick Hatch, a mining analyst at that a recession may emerge soon lot of scrap was being recovered,

Brady said in the letter that it would be appropriate for Congress to give the administration open-ended spending authority. Because Congress may not want to go along, however, Brady said \$40 billion would be enough to finance savings and loans rescues

The administration also would accept \$20 billion to finance the programme through April, treasury officials have said.

through the end of fiscal 1991 on

The Resolution Trust Corp. (RTC) created last year to dispose of failed savings and loans,

Silver is most widely used in

the photographic industry and

that demand is down, Hatch said.

Silverware, a luxury item, is also

coming under pressure from the

around because 70 per cent of the

world's silver is produced as a

byproduct of gold and other min-

ing. Butler said. That means

supply doesn't respond to

Silver mines in Chile and U.S.

changes in demand.

"Both these metals have very states of Alaska and Nevada also

strong industrial bases and fears—are increasing production, while a

There is too much silver

economic slowdown, he said.

prices," he said

is "projecting that RTC case resolutions will virtually cease within the next two months unless additional funds are provided," Brady said. He asked Congress to act before it adjourns for the year.

The nation's 2,800 savings and loans are banks that make personai and mortgage loans. Due to adverse economic circumstances and mismanagement, bundreds of them got into financial difficulties in recent years. The 13,000 U.S. commercial banks, which primarily make business loans, were largely unaffected by the

This year's total demand will

come to 14,850 tonnes, surpas-

sing expected supply of 14,400

tonnes, Hatch said. But he noted

a stockpile of approximately

snap up oversupply in the past,

silver seems to be over," he said.

ounce in 1980 when the Hunt

Brothers of Texas tried to corner the

silver market. Hatch said. It has

fallen fairly steadily since, spiking

up over \$9 an ounce in 1987, he

Butler said, that is no longer the

"The long-term love affair with

Silver rose as high at \$35 an

While investors have tended to

10.000 tennes.

to EC bureaucrats BOURNEMOUTH, England But Thatcher made clear that (R) - British Prime Minister Britain would resist any further Margaret Thatcher told Euro-loss of evereignty and would pean bureaucrats Friday that her continue to push its own scheme government will not let them for a new European currency to dictate the future course of Euro- operate alongside existing nation-

al currencies.

pean unity. "We do not judge how Euro- Diplomats and political compean you are by how much you mentators say joining the ERM want to increase the power of the has given Thatcher a platform unelected commission," Thatcher form which to attack the Delors said in her keynote speech to the strategy for monetary union. annual conference of her ruling "Europe cannot be built by ignoring or suppressing this sense Conservative Party.

"Intervention, centralisation of nationhood, by trying to turn and lack of accountability may us into regions rather than naappeal to socialists," she said. tions," she said Friday. "They have no place in our conservative philosophy."

Thatcher made a cutting per- pendent sovereign states sonal attack on European Commission President Jacques Delors Europe to let the emerging demoand his plans for European cracies of Eastern Europe join

monetary union. "This government has no in- ity in due course." tention of agreeing to the imposi-

ern seaside resort of Bourne- and bureaucracy, she added.

Delors (back-door)," she said. Britain joined the European

countries. This move put Britain in line tral body. central bank.

the 12-nation European Commun-Britain would help prepare the tion of a single currency," Thatcher Community for expansion by retold the conference in the south- sisting unnecessary regulation

"The way forward lies in will-

Thatcher repeated her call for

ing cooperation between inde-

Thatcher portraved Britain as a "That would be entering a good European citizen and the federal Europe through the back- Community's second-beggest

contributor.

But she said Britain did not exchange rate mechanism (ERM) want to see the Community last Monday, pegging its currency evolve into a United States of to that of nine other European Europe, where national parliaments were subservient to a cen-

with the first stage of Delors's "We shall never accept the three-stage plan for European approach of those who want to monetary union. This provides use the European Community as for the eventual creation of a a means of removing our ability single European currency and to govern ourselves as an independent nation," Thatcher said.

### S. Korea takes part in Libyan oil projects

SEOUL (AP) - South Korea agreed Thursday to take part in Libyan oil development projects, along with an unidentified British company, officials said. Energy and resources ministry officials said a 25-year contract was signed in Tripoli between Libya and the Korea Oil Development Corp., allowing the Korean company to drill wells in three areas. Five South Korean companies will form a consortium to invest \$30 million in the projects, with another \$30 million to be provided by a British company, the officials said. They did not name the British compay. The Korean company would keep part of the oil produced.

#### **AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES**

Thursday, October 11, 1990 Central Bank official rates

**Pound Sterling** Dentschemark

Swiss franc

Japanese yen (for 100) 501.9 504.9 651.0 655.0 115.5 116.2 56.9 57.2 1283.9 1291.6 Italian lira (for 100) 56.9 57.2 Belgian franc (for 10) 207.1 208.3

### LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One Sterling One U.S. dollar

1.9720/30 1.1460/70 1.5190/95 1.7120/30 1.2785/95 31.18/23 5.0875/0925 1139/1140 128.62/72

5.6150/6200 5.8800/50 5.7850/7900

One ounce of gold 389.00/50

U.S. dollar Canadian dollar **Deutschemarks** Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs

Italian lire

Japanese yen

Swedish crowns

Danish crowns

U.S. dollars

Norwegian crowns

plan new financial mechanism

DUBAI (R) - Saudi banks plan a new money market instrument for the Saudi rival interbank deposit rates which may help break some of the barriers to normal trading created by fears of war in the Gulf, dealers and brokers said cutbacks. Thursday.

Setting up a new instrument in a market is not easy at the best of times and Gulf dealers and brokers agree the Gulf crisis is not the ideal time to do so.

Nevertheless, they hope the new FRAs (forward rate agreements) will give more depth to their interbank market, the main money market for banks themselves.

FRAs are in common use in major international money markets. They allow two parties to agree a deal based on an interest rate over a specified period for a set principal amount, the interest to be paid at a specified future settlement date.

But no principal changes hands. Exposure is limited to the difference between the agreed and actual interest rates at settle-

This ability to hedge against interest rate changes without touching underlying bank liquidity could help banks under crisis conditions, dealers said.

FRAs — since they offer this highly geared hedge on future interest rates — could also allow foreign banks to increase credit lines to the besieged Gulf institutions, they said.

# Saudi banks | India to cut oil use by 15%

NEW DELHI (R) - Indian Fi- said. nance Minister Madhu Dandavate said Friday the government would cut oil consumption by 15 per cent and hinted at big increases in the price of petrol and oil products.

ence steps would be taken to prevent a black market emerging, but gave no details on how the government would administer the Asked if the measures could be

part of preparations for seeking a loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), he said: "That is correct."

"We have not taken any decision on rationing," Dandavate

Chile proposes setting up fund

for L. America CARACAS (R) - Chile's president has appealed to Latin American oil producers set to earn windfalls from the Gulf crisis to lend some of the extra money to the region's less fortunate na-

"It's a question of seeing how we can show solidarity towards each other by creating a financial aid mechanism to help the development of our countries," President Patricio Aylwin told a

news conference. The Chilean president, who described the plan as "an idea to be talked over," said a special investment fund should be established "with the aim of granting loans or support to countries on the continent."

The government was considering raising prices of petro! and oi! products to reflect the doubling of world prices since Iraq invaded

Kuwait, he said.

But he added that the cabinet Dandavate told a news confer- had not made a final decision. Raising oil prices would fuel inflationary pressures in the economy and have a dampening effect on industrial production, he said.

> Indian inflation is running at an annualised rate of nearly nine per "Better we suffer today so we

can be relieved tomorrow." Dandavate said. Dandavate said he discussed

IMF and World Bank officials in Washington at the annual meeting of the lending agencies last "We don't want to be dictated (to) by conditionality, but we

want to be practical," he said. "We on our own will introduce fiscal discipline. We know the crisis, the hard options." An IMF loan with conditions on fiscal reforms has been controversial for a long time in India,

which takes pride in its economic independence. But Dandavate said if oil prices

averaged \$25 a barrel over the

next 12 months it would cost India an extra \$2.5 billion and Delhi needed help.

The International Petroleum Exchange (IPE) index price for crude oil rose to \$40.32 a barrel

"All the hard options that are needed, we will take. So the question of conditionality should not arise," he said.

The IMF has asked Delhi to link domestic oil prices to international prices if it wants a loan under the enhanced structural adjustment facility, bankers and diplomats have said.

The government sets oil prices and allocates petrol and products through state-run firms.

Dandavate described the revarious concessional loans with cent downgrading of India's credit rating by Moody's Investors Service as unfortunate.

"No doubt it affects deposit mobilisation... and it's a disincentive for foreign investment," he

Moody's, in a move that will make India's borrowings more expensive, said last week it had lowered the country's long-term and short-term credit ratings.

In an exceptionally tough view of India's financial policy, it said the downgrading was prompted by the rapid increases in India's debt over several years.

### USSR to devalue rouble by 70% MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Gorbachev's economic plan.

economic official has said.

rouble to the dollar.

The official news agency TASS give Gorbachev emergency cowquoted Ivanov as telling a legisla- ers to make the transition to a tive committee that the new rate market, and he has begun issuing would be introduced by presiden- decrees. tial decree.

TASS said the new rate would "make exports more profitable for Soviet producers and facilitate the streamlining and restriction of imports, which have been growing rapidly since Soviet enterprises were granted the right of free access to the foreign mar-

Earlier this week, the chairman of the Soviet state bank, Viktor Gerashchenko, also said a devaluation was likely.

Bassam.

"The new roulbe's exchange are with free trading on internarate for foreign trade operations tional markets, the rouble's exwould amount to about two rou- change rate is set artificially by bles a dollar, starting this year," the Soviet government. On the TASS quoted Gerashchenko as black market, one dollar can saving.

rouble will be devalued by nearly which envisions a gradual switch 70 per cent under Soviet Presi- from central planning to a dent Mikhail Gorbachev's econo- market-based economy, is under mic reform programme, a Soviet consideration by a committee of economists and politicians Ivan Ivanov, deputy chairman appointed by the Supreme Soviet. of the State Foreign Economic The committee is scheduled to Commission, said Thursday that issue a report by Oct. 15, after the new exchange rate for dollar, which the plan could be approved compared with the current .56 by the national legislature. Lawmakers already have voted to

> TASS did not say when the devaluation would take effect. But the agency said the rate was calculated on the basis of new Soviet wholesale prices that are scheduled to become effective

> Jan. 1, 1991. Ivanov said the devaluation would not affect the exchange rate for tourists converting dollars to roubles at Soviet banks. That rate would remain at six roubles to the dollar, he said.

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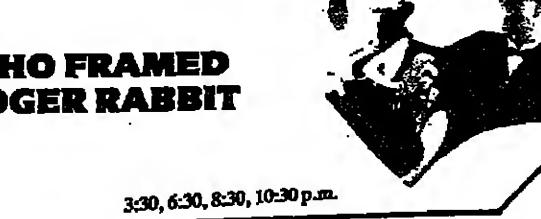
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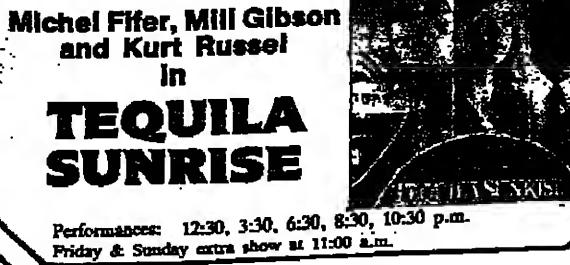
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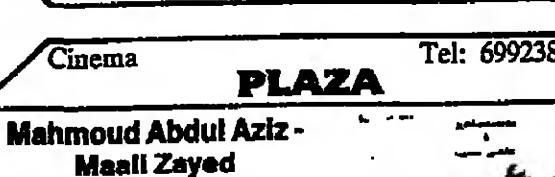
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### Rwandan rebels reportedly kill 57 Zaireans in clash with army

KAKITUMBA, Rwanda (R) ---Rwandan rebels said they have killed 57 Zairean soldiers and captured or destroyed army vehicles in heavy fighting in northeast Rwanda.

"The Zaireans were routed and 57 were killed," rebel Major Chris Bunyunyezi said Thursday.

Rebel officers said the Zaireans, who were helping Rwandan troops repulse the guerrillas, were ambushed by about 100 rebels who also destroyed three troop carriers and a tank and captured an armoured personnel

Most of the rebels, who invaded Rwanda from Uganda on Oct. 1, are Rwandan refugees serving in Uganda's National Resistance Army (NRA).

The rebels showed a Reuter correspondent, uniforms which

JOHANNESBURG (R)

South Africa said Friday it was

lifting night curfews clamped on

black townships around Johan-

nesburg last month to curb fac-

tion fighting which claimed

Adriaan Vlok warned the restric-

tions could be reimposed if neces-

The government imposed the

curfews and sent army and police

reinforcements into seven

townships on Sept. 25 in opera-

tion "iron fist" after weeks of

clashes, mainly between suppor-

ters of Nelson Mandela's African

National Congress (ANC) and of

Zulu chief Mangosuthu

Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom

Police said the curfews would

be lifted Friday night from the

three townships where they were

still in force, and that all security

measures would be scaled down.

Restrictions in four other

townships, including Soweto,

"The curfew has had a phe-

U.S. aid to Pakistan

halted in nuclear debate

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. in new military and economic aid

Bush wins B-2 bomber

victory after appeal

nomenal effect," said police

fighter jets worth millions of dol-

lars are among the items and

programmes that will be affected

if the United States continues a

halt in aid to Pakistan, U.S.

Pakistan's nuclear weapons prog-

ramme, President George Bush

has been unable to certify that

Islamabad does not possess a

nuclear device, as required by.

Congressional leaders have so

As a result, about \$564 million

far blocked administration efforts

WASHINGTON (R) — Presi-

dent George Bush has won a

preliminary victory for the B-2

Stealth bomber programme after

he and the air force made last-

minute appeals to Congress to

approve the problem-plagued

The Senate Appropriations

Committee approved continued

B-2 production in a \$268.2-billion

defence appropriations bill for

next year, and rejected an

amendment that would have

halted production of the bomber

Because of concerns over

officials said.

U.S. law.

plane.

to waive the law.

were eased last week.

But Law and Order Minister

almost 800 lives.

they said belonged to members of Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko's Presidential Guard.

"The problem they suffered from was over-confidence in thinking they could flush out a few rebels because they were presidential guards," Bunyunyezi

Belgium and France have also sent troops to Rwanda, but say their forces are there to protect their nationals.

Bunyunyezi said he had just returned from the front and heavy fighting was continuing near the garrison town of Gabiro, some 70 kilometres from the capital Kigali.

The rebels also said they attacked a government convoy near Ngarama 14 kilometres to the west and that white officers were commanding Rwandan

spokesman Steve van Rooyen,

adding there had been 242 cases

of unrest in the three areas earlier

in September but none since the

Other measures under "iron

fist" had included mounting light

machine guns on armoured cars,

helicopter patrols and army and

police guards at railway stations

which were flashpoints of vio-

lence were sealed off with razor

wire and all people entering or

leaving were searched for

Vlok said many township resi-

dents had asked for the curfew be

continued but this was not possi-

ble. It had always been seen as a

the "iron fist" measures, saying

they were reckless and aimed at

destroying ANC support on the

The ANC accuses white right-

the security forces of fomenting Monday.

wing pro-apartheid elements in

designated for Pakistan for the

1991 financial year that began

So has about \$2.7 billion in

previously authorised military aid

and unsubsidised military sales,

This includes an order of 11

advanced F-16 fighter jets. fi-

nanced under the U.S. foreign

military sales programme, that

was scheduled for shipment to

Pakistan in early 1991 and an

order of 60 F-16s, scheduled for

delivery in late 1991, that Islama-

bad was paying for itself, a Penta-

However, the radar-evading

bomber's future remained in

doubt. The Senate has consistent-

ly approved Bush's request but

the House has voted to halt B-2

production with the 15 planes

Senators and members of the

House of Representatives work-

ing out a compromise 1991 de-

fence authorisation bill expected

to decide this week whether the

tion or halt it at 15 planes.

already approved.

Oct. 1 has been suspended.

U.S. officials said.

gon spokesman said.

Mandela has bitterly criticised

temporary measure, he said.

Hostels and squatter camps

Curfew lifted in S. African townships

curfew was imposed.

to protect commuters.

"Our captain saw two whites directing the vehicles' movements, but he said there could have been more," said Major

Peter Bayengana. Rwandan Foreign Minister Casimir Bizimungu confirmed the fighting in the northeast, but said up to 500 rebels had been killed by government forces. He also denied reports that the army had

massacred civilians. Peasants fleeing the fighting said earlier this week that government troops and members of the majority Hutu tribe had massacred villagers accused of supporting the rebels.

"Three hundred to 500 rebels died in the same place where the massacres are said to have taken place." Bizimungu said.

The ANC accused President

"We do not trust Mr. De Klerk

longer being sincere about peace

and his government's commit-

ment to peace. De Klerk and the

government's undermining of

efforts to achieve a genuine peace

settlement places the whole nego-

tiations process in jeopardy,"

ANC spokesman Saki Macomoza

The ANC disclosed that it had

delivered its strongest warning

yet to De Klerk that it would

resume guerrilla warfare if his

The ANC, denouncing what it

white minority government failed

called De Klerk's "strategy

talking peace and waging war,

demanded the government crack

down on white provocateurs in

extracts from a statement Mande-

la presented to the government

ANC officials gave reporters

to satisfy its demands.

the police and army.

and reform in South Africa.

by the government.

told reporters.

adding insurgents had worn civilian clothing because "that's their guerrilla tactics."

The rebels said six of their men had been killed and 11 injured. Rwandan troops had shot civilians during the fighting around Gabiro, they added.

"But we are unable to give a

figure because we are still fighting in the area," Bunyunyezi said. In Washington, the United States authorised dependants of American diplomats to leave Rwanda and said it was considering that government's request for military assistance to defend

against recent rebel attacks.

The State Department, in written statement Thursday, said "the only type of assistance under discussion with the Rwandan government is non-lethal, including medical assistance."

#### "It's rebels who died," he said. African force takes the unrest, an allegation rejected control of F.W. de Klerk Thursday of no

Monrovia ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) West African soldiers using tanks and jet bombers have won control of Monrovia from rebel forces, a military commander has

The victory clears the way for the establishment of an interim government and the arrival of desperately needed food.

In fighting this week, the fivenation army sent to impose a ceasefire in Liberia's 9-month-old civil war has forced Charles Taylor's rebel force out of the city centre and into Monrovia's eastern suburb of Paynesville

Rival rebel leader Prince Johnson pulled his fighters out of central Monrovia this week at Dogonyaro's request. A third force in Monrovia, the remnants of slain President Samuel Doe's army, was holed up in and around the presidential mansion.

Some of Doe's soldiers were fighting alongside the West Africans, diplomats in Abidjan reported Thursday.

The Economic Community of West African States, which sent the multinational army, renewed an appeal for emergency food supplies for people starving in Monrovia. Executive Secretary Abbas Bundu said Dogonyaro had assured him the port was safe for ships and that the West Africans had set up posts for an orderly distribution of food.

The U.S. Ambassador in Monrovia, Peter de Vos, has said U.S food aid would not be brought in until the safety of relief workers was guaranteed.

Nigerian ships this week carried the first substantial food shipment to reach Monrovia in three months — 150 tonnes from the U.N. World Food Program-

Diplomats in Abidjan confirmed the West Africans captured Spriggs Payne Airfield, a few kilometres from downtown Monrovia, but said the airport could not be used safely unless the rebels are pushed back at least 16 kilometres.

Diplomats said Ghanaian troops and some Liberian army soldiers went into the West German embassy neighbouring Paynesville Wednesday. The said they were conducting house-tohouse searches for rebles, but the Liberians started looting.

### Sikh leader quits Indian parliament

NEW DELHI (R) — Sikh leader Simranjit Singh Mann resigned from parliament Friday in protest against a new extension of direct rule by New Delhi in Punjab and said he would seek United Nations help in freeing the state from India's "colonial" rule.

Mann told a foreign correspondents lunch he no longer had any faith in Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh's promise to hold elections in Punjab.

"Elections are the heartbeat of

any democracy. The Indian state

is not going to hold elections in Punjab because at all costs they do not want to see me holding the mandate," he said. The next step is to interna-

tionalise (the issue) and ask the United Nations to help us out of this slavery. A mighty international effort will be required to get us out of this colonial status." he added. Singh, who has said that not

holding state assembly elections early this year was his biggest blunder, had not wanted a further six-month extension of direct rule first imposed in January, 1987. But allies on the left and right which keep his minority government in power said free and fair elections could not be held in the violent atmosphere gripping the rich agricultural northern state

Punjab police have reported more than 2,600 deaths in the separatist campaign this year, the highest toll since it began nearly a decade ago.

Mann said the only solution was a U.N.-supervised referendum so Puniabis could decide whether their future should lie within India.

and he had to give way.

In another development, three people were killed in vicious clashes between backers of an Indian government plan to reserve more jobs for lower-caste Hindus and its opponents, officials said Friday.

### Mexicans react with pride to Paz' Nobel Prize win

MEXICO CITY (Agencies) — Bookshop said he had sold 250 From president to pushcart ven-copies of Paz' latest work, A dor, most Mexicans have reacted with pride to Octavio Paz' achievement on being the first Mexican awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Among fellow writers, many of the congratulations were delivered with the air of disdain that characterises the left-leaning intellectual community's attitude toward its senior defector.

"As a poet he has great respect, less as an essayist and none as a politician," fiction writer Paco Ignacio Taibo was quoted as saying by the Excelsion News Service. "I hope that Octavio Paz doesn't become a spokesman for the right."

Paz' criticism of leftist intellectuals has long estranged him from the country's literary mainstream, if such a thing exists. But Mexican writers who have worked with Paz, such as Salvador Elizondo, a collaborator on the magazine Vuelta, called the prize well-deserved.

"In the cultural order it gives distinction to one of the most important figures of the Spanish language," Elizondo said.

"Despite the controversy and disagreement that Paz' ideological position generates, his creative quality is indisputable," said Jaime Labastida, a poet who stands opposed to Paz on many political issues.

In recent months, Paz has been criticised for travelling overseas in the retinue of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Salinas, attending meetings in Venezuela Thursday, sent a congratulatory message to Paz.

"He is a poet and writer of whom we Mexicans feel proud. He has a universal stature," said the president, praising Paz for "his deep Mexican and Latin American vision."

Paz is already one of Mexico's best-selling writers. Many students are assigned in school his Labyrinth Of Solitude, a pithy investigation of the Mexican national character.

At the Alameda Park on downtown Mexico City, the award generated excitement among a group of sidewalk booksellers.

Rogelio Galindo of the Sotano

Small Chronicle of Great Days, the past three months.

"For him it's good. For me, it's marvellous," said Manuel Marquez, as he rushed to rescue his books from an afternoon rain. Scooping them off a patch of cardboard on the sidewalk, Marquez stacked them onto a cart.

"We hope this will lead us to read more books and by all writers," said Ricardo Contreras Plata, who has sold books for 22 years on a busy streetcorner opposite Mexico's Palace of Fine

Enrique Fuente, owner of the Madero Bookstore, said the award was "practically a merchandising device" for selling Paz' books.

The Swedish Academy of Letters said Paz, 76, got the four million Swedish crown (\$700,000) award "for impassioned writing with wide horizons, characterised by sensuous intelligence and humanistic integrity."

In perhaps his best known book, The Labyrinth Of Solitude former diplomat Paz, who once called himself a "disillusioned leftist," offers a controversial and often startling analysis of modern Mexico and the Mexican perso-

The academy, guardian of the world's premier literary award, said that in choosing Paz, a longtime contender, it was "honouring a writer of Spanish with a wide international perspective."

Born in Mexico City on March 31, 1914, Paz attended the National University of Mexico before going abroad as a diplomat. He wrote poetry and essays in his free time. "Paz's poetry and essays evolve

from an intractable but fruitful union of cultures; pre-Colombian Indian, the Spanish conquistadors and Western modernism," the academy said.

Paz published his first collection of poetry while still a teenager. He remains active as a writer and critic. His distinctive, surrealistic

werse has broad appeal and has been well received by critics internationally.

### Aquino signs over southern Philippines to partial Muslim rule

MANILA (R) — President Coracontrol taxes, fees on the region's zon Aquino signed over partial natural resources, and tourism rule of the southern Philippines Friday to a Muslim autonomous government but retained responsibility for defence and foreign

"We view local autonomy as Aquino government to placate the best approach for achieving lasting peace in Mindanao. Aguno said in a speech marking the handover to an autonomous government on the southern is-

The handover of power would send a message to Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) nations that Manila was serious in granting self-rule to its Muslim minority, she said.

"Today's ceremonies mark only the first step towards transferring to the autonomous regional government substantial powers, functions and resources to carry out the great task." Aquino

She said the order gives the southern government, led by former Muslim rebel Zacario Candao, control over labour, social welfare, science, public works and highways. The Mindanao government will

island have complained of neglect

warring Muslim separatists.

Up to 50,000 people died at the

Residents on the mineral-rich

height of a separatist war by

Muslim guerrillas in the mid-

by Manila, saying their resources have been used to develop the main island of Luzon. Meanwhile a judge Friday indefinitely suspended the rebellion trial of Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile and two others until the court of

appeals rules on several 'petitions filed by the defendants. Also Friday, the government filed the first rebellion charges in connection with last week's two-

day secessionist revolt by mutinous troops on the island of Mindanao. Enrile and two others - Mr.

and Mrs. Rebecco Panliho were to have been arraigned on rebellion charges in connection with a failed coup attempt last December.

But the trial judge, Jaime Sala-The autonomous government — made up of five predominantly zar, noted that the three defen-Muslim provinces on Mindanao dants have filed petitions with the court of appeals to quash the Island — was set up by the

"In view of the fact that there is no certainty that these petitions ... will be resolved by court of appeals, the trial of these cases ... is hereby suspended indefinitely until this court hears from court of appeals on what to do with this

case," Salazar told the court. In the Mindanao rebellion, Justice Undersecretary Silvestre Bellon III said the local prosecutor's office filed charges of "illegal possession of firearms and ammunition in furtherance of rebellion" against Reuben Canoy, former mayor of the southern city of Cagayan de Oro.

Canoy heads the Mindanao Independence Movement.

Belio said firearms and ammunition were recovered by police from Canoy's house in Cagayan de Oro. Canoy earlier was charged with illegal assem-

### Man held for stealing

heart problems.

TOKYO (R) — A 46-year-old restaurant manager has been arrested on suspicion of stealing 750 pairs of women's panties, a police spokesman said Friday. Shousaku Abe, a married man of Utsunomiya, 100 kilometres north of Tokyo, hid the lingerie collection in his two cars, the spokesman said. Abe developed § an obsession with women's underwear three years ago after he stopped having sex with his

#### Instant 'cuppas' for tea-loving Britons

LONDON (AP) — In a country

where tea is not just a beverage but a social event, two companies are betting consumers will drop the messy ritual of brewing leaves or bags and go for granules. But are Britons ready to have their favourite drink — or "cuppa" any other way? Nestle failed to woo tea drinkers with an instant version more than a decade ago, and many Britons are still horrified by office instant tea made by machines. A spot check on a London street found Britons uncut by 2005 in carbon dioxide enthusiastic about the idea of tea granules, which Brooke Bond and Premier Beverage Products said Wednesday they will begin distributing nationwide. "That would be dreadful," said Garnham Trotter, a 48-year-old electrical engineer. "We have instant tea in machines in the office and it's really dreadful." Susan Essex. a 26-year-old secretary, said: "I think part of the pleasure of tea is the brewing of it." In the United States, instant iced tea is popular

### Third of Romania's ethnic Germans seek to emigrate

BUCHAREST (AP) — More than a third of Romania's ethnic Germans have lined up to leave the country since Communist Dictator Nicolae Ceausescu fell last December, according to figures released Thursday.

The Interior Ministry, in a statement carried by the state news agency Rompres, said 92,650 of Romania's ethnic Germans, estimated to total about 220,000 at the time of the revolution, already had passports to leave the country.

About 70,000 of them already have left, the ministry said. The ethnic Germans are among

120,603 people who have applied to leave since Ceausescu's ouster. the statement said. Independent sources any the real figure is much higher.

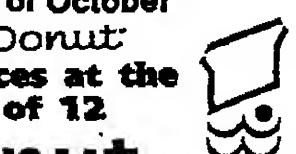
Since the elimination of travel restrictions after the revolution. more than 10 million Romanians of a population of 23 million have gone as tourists.

Diplomatic sources say millions want to remain outside Romania. But because Romanians no longer qualify for the refugee status they had when the country was a dictatorship, Western countries have rejected most would-be

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### Former top Stasi officers arrested

BONN (R) — Two former East German agents have been charged with being the case officers for a Bonn super-spy whose confession has sparked a major respionage scandal, officials said Friday.

The public prosecutor said Stefan E. and Guenther N. from Berlin were arrested Wednesday and charged Thursday with directing the work of double agent Klaus Kuron.

Ten suspected spies have been arrested this week following an admission by Kuron, a senior Bonn counter-intelligence officer, that he had passed secrets on to East Berlin.

The prosecutor said in a statement that Stefan E. 36, and Guenther N., 54, worked for the Foreign Espionage section of East Berlin's Ministry for State security (Stagi). Guenther N. had led the Stasi

department that specialised in planting agents in Bonn's counter-intelligence agency, the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BFV), which specialised in planting agents in Bonn's counter-intelligence agen-

bill should continue B-2 produccy. Stefan E. was his number two. Both were charged with being Kuron's case officers from 1982 until this year.

Guenther N. stopped working for the Stasi when it was officially disbanded in February, but Stefan E. had tried to persuade Kuron to work for the Soviet KGB as late as last Saturday three days after East Germany ceased to exist.

Their arests, announced by security sources Thursday, brings to 12 the number of people detained in two weeks. The prosecutor also said a 40-

year-old man from Hanover. Gerd K., had been charged with spying for the Stasi after his arrest Eight other people arrested

Wednesday had allegedly passed plans for tanks, military helicopters, defence research and the Tomado fighter-bomber to East German and Soviet intelligence, the prosecutor said earlier.

The Cologne Express newspaper said Kuron gave himself up to his superiors after his last meeting with his contacts.

A woman agent, who helped prepare intelligence briefings for Chancellor Helmut Kohl, was arrested two weeks ago as she tried to flee to Austria. She has also been charged with working for the former Communist authorities in Eas. Germany.

# Ozone levels near record low over South Pole

WASHINGTON (R) — The protective layer of ozone over the South Pole is as depleted as it was in the worst years ever recorded. the U.S. space agency reported

The so-called ozone hole over the Antarctic, which reappears every year, began developing in the last week of August, about a week earlier than in the record years of 1987 and 1989, according to scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Ozone levels throughout the southern hemisphere are as low as they have ever been, NASA said in a statement. The implication of a drop in

ozone levels is not known, but environmentalists say humanmade chemicals in the atmosphere destroy the protective

NASA said year-to-year variability in ozone depletion appears to be related to the weather and atmospheric chemis-

Ozone, a molecule made up of three oxygen atoms, comprises a thin layer of the upper atmosphere that shields Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

NASA scientists have been monitoring the Antarctic ozone bole since 1979. Meanwhile in Bangkok, efforts

by China and India to turn a U.N.-sponsored environment conference into a confrontation between rich and poor nations have failed to win support, diplo-An informal working group of

environment experts from 20 Asian and Pacific nations was meeting here Friday behind closed doors. They were expected to substantially approve United Nations recommendations to make the re-

gion's development plans sensitive to the natural environment, a senior diplomat attending the meeting told Renters. Their conference room con-

tained quite another scene Thurs-"Smoke was coming out of ears

in there," a U.N. official said. "Basically, India and China, especially China, wanted the conference to say 'you damn capitalists, you created the environmental mess, now you pay to clean it up," the diplomat said.

Many Third World governments, dependent for meagre incomes on exports of commodities, timber and ore, have expressed resentment at pressure from the industrialised countries

of the northern hemipshere to conserve natural resources.

The working group is drafting a document that will be presented for approval to the full meeting of more than 30 governments attending the conference, organised by the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

The plenary meeting will make recommendations to government ministers who arrive here next week to set an environmental policy guiding Asia and the Pacific into the 21st century. The policy will also serve as a

guideline for Asian demands at a global environmental conference the United Nations will host in Brazil in 1992.

Another U.N. official, asked why the working group had rejected the Indian and Chinese proposals, said: "There will be lots of money available in Brazil for countries that have sustainable development programmes." "Environmentally sound and

the heart of ESCAP recommendations to the conference. Thursday's working group meeting lasted into the night, preventing the group's chairman from making his scheduled initial

report to the plenary session.

sustainable development" is at

"In the end, the Chinese gave up on about 99 per cent of their demands," the senior diplomat

"The ESCAP recommendations are now likely to be substantially approved," he said. In a separate development, the

Australian government committed the country Friday to tough guidelines for reducing greenhouse gases, planning a 20 per cent cut in all major emissions contributing to global warming. The plan is intended to slash

dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide by 20 per cent by 2005. Based on 1988 levels, it is an extension of the 1988 international agreement signed in Toronto which covers only a 20 per cent

emissions of gases such as carbon

"This decision puts Australia at the forefront of international action to reduce emissions of all greenhouse gases," the minister for the arts, sport, environment, tourism and territories, Ros Kelly, and minister for primary industries and energy, John Kerin

said in a statement Friday. It will complement Australia's existing policy of phasing out ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and halons by 1997, the ministers said.



#### Hold-up note written on robber's deposit slip

PENTICTON, British Columbia (AP) — Authorities did not have to look too hard for the man who robbed a Canada Trust Branch. Craig MacNaughton, 31, of nearby Kelowna wrote the holdup note on one of his deposit slips. MacNaughton, pleaded guilty to robbery in provincial court and was sentenced to three years in jail. On Aug. 25, MacNaughton handed a teller a note, produced a large knife and said, "give me your money, I need it." Prosecutor Vern Frolick told the court. The teller gave MacNaughton \$1,296 and he fled the bank in this south-central British Columbia city. When the Royal Canadian Mounted Police examined the robbery note, they saw it was written on the back of a Canada Trust deposit slip, with 🖄 MacNaughton's branch and account number filled in, Frolick said. Defence attorney Brian Adams said the robbery was a cry fo help. "I think what we're dealing with is a person of some diminished capacity." Adams said. MacNaughton has a crimin-

#### Judge ignores law in sentence for 83-year-old

MIAMI (AP) — A federal judge

al record that includes theft and

break-and-entry charges dating

from 1975, the court was told.

ignored the legal minimum sentence and ordered a drug defendant to spend less than two months in prison, saying Congress never intended him to imprison an 83-year-old man for 12 years. Attorneys said they knew of no precedent for chief U.S. & District Judge James Lawrence King's departure from federal law and sentencing guidelines in the case of Alfonso Valdes. He ordered Valdes freed by Dec. 1, his birthday. Valdes has been in iail since his arrest in June 1989 for guiding a boatload of Colombian cocaine into Florida from Mexico. "These are extraordinary circumstances," King said from the bench. "I mean no disrespect to Congress and no disrespect to the sentencing commission." The judge observed that Valdes would be 96 when released under sentencing guidelines, which call for 12½ years, and almost 94 under the statutory 10-year minimum. "That would e a little late to start a new life," King noted. The defendant quiet- 🦠 ly thanked the judge. Valdes, a Cuban immigrant and a Key West resident since 1962, was convicted this summer of importing cocaine, possession with intent to distribute, and two drug conspiracy counts. His trial was interrupted briefly when he suffered

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wife, the spokesman said.

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